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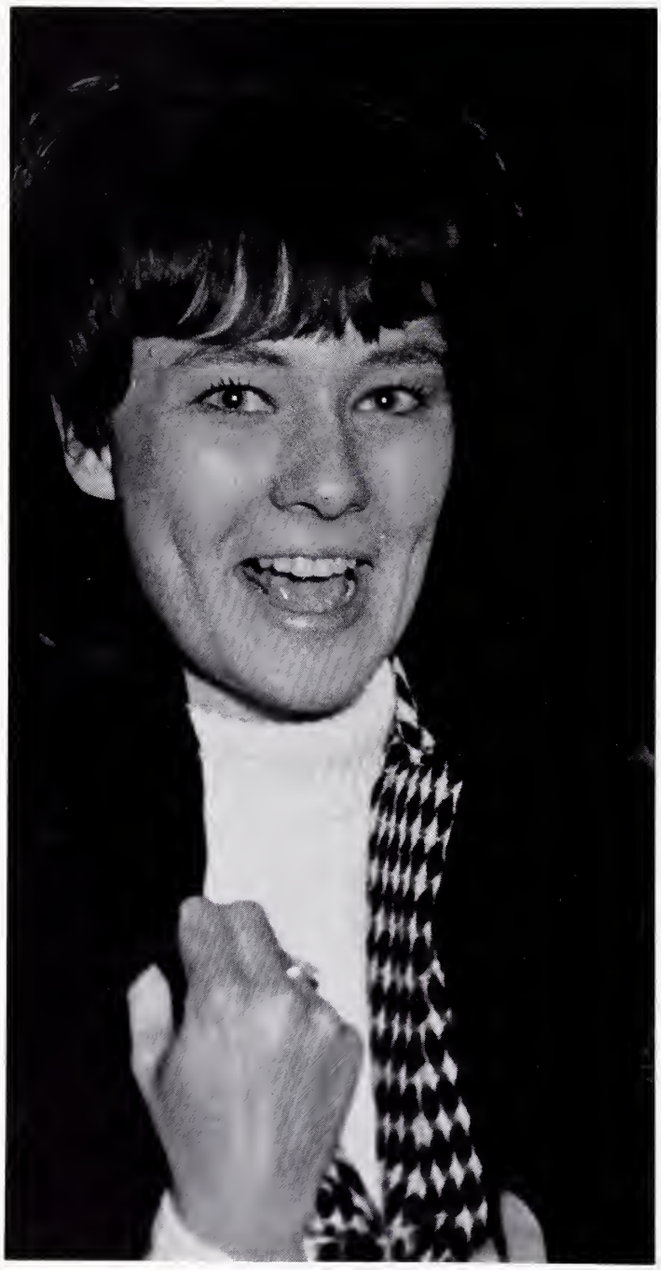
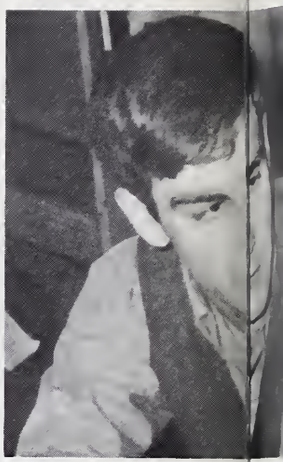
Campus in Transition

This was the year that was for Prairie State. Thanks to wet weather and slow work by building tradesmen, we occupied our new North Campus two weeks late. Double shifts were held in the Old South Campus, which reverted to Bloom township high school at year end. Below is architect Perkins & Will's rendering of the new main campus, which awaited Governor Richard B. Ogilvie's "go" sign at year end.

Life on Campus





FACES . . .
of fun
of thought
of fellowship
of BLACK POWER!

Getting Ready

First stop, after registration is the bookstore, which this year offered everything from albums to jackets and giant bottles of Coke. Try as hard as you could, you couldn't stump Mrs. Jeanne Walsh, the bookstore manager.

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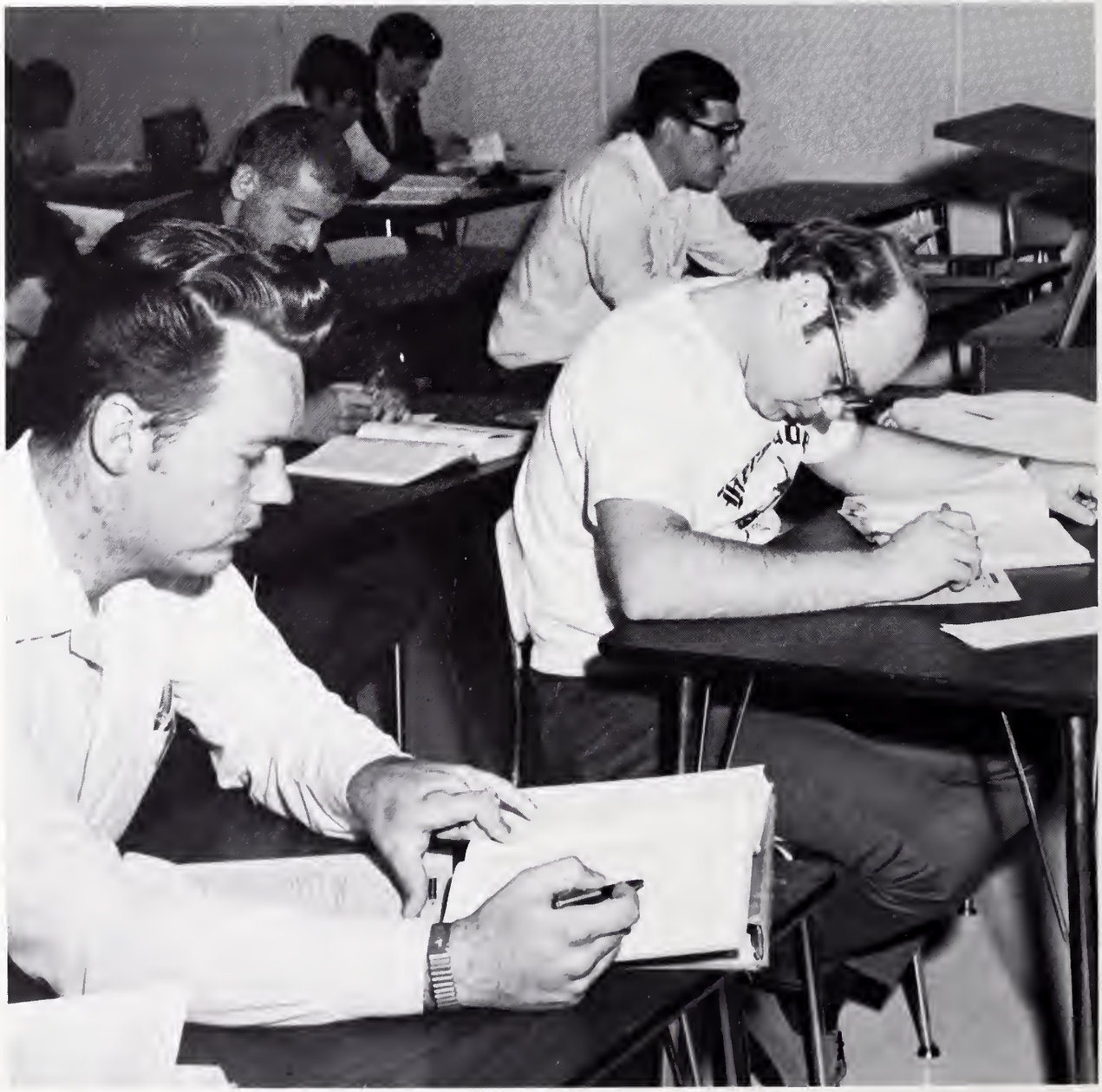
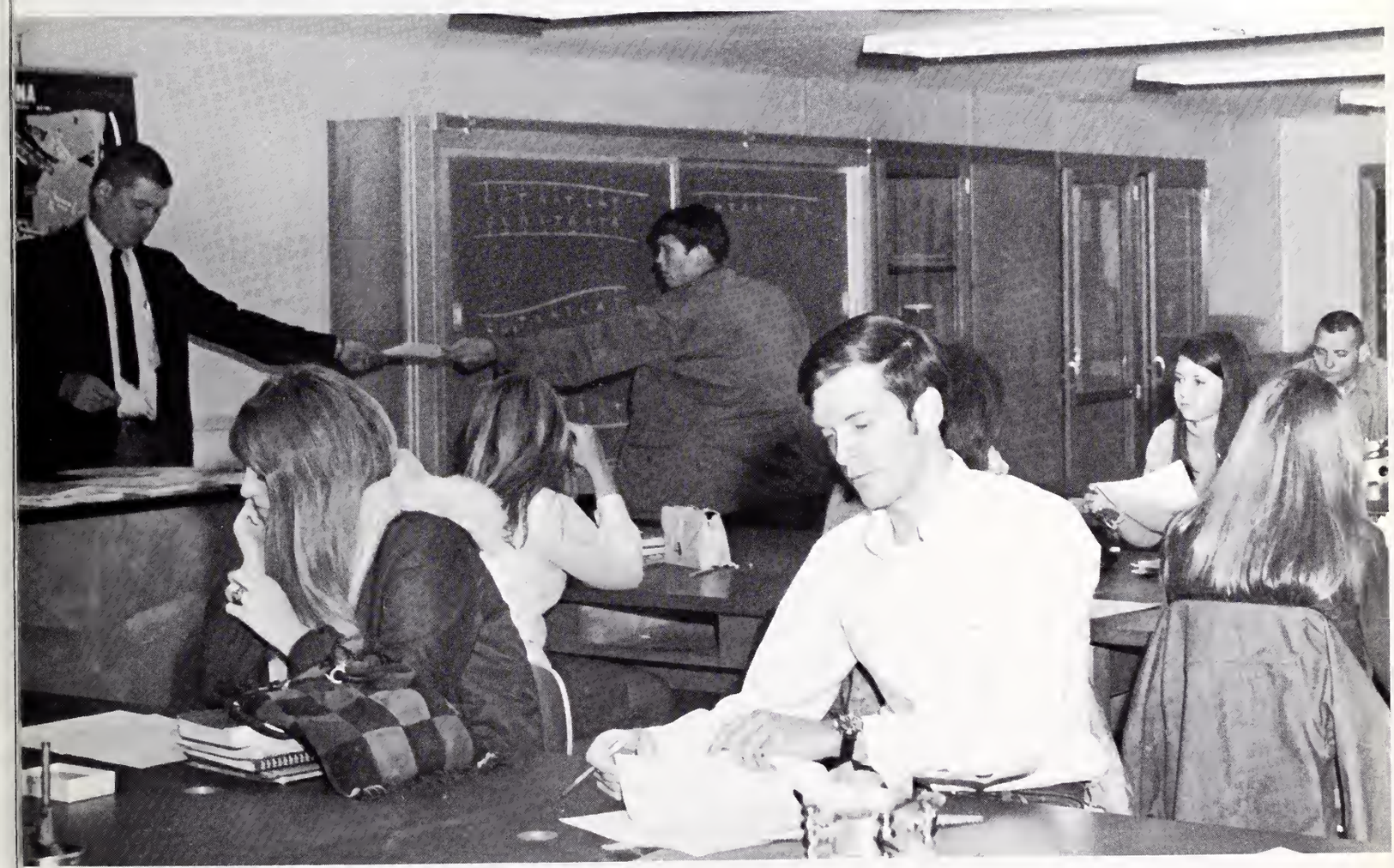
MUSIC
ART
HISTORY
ARTEX
Campus Casual

Books
Science
The Arts
Music

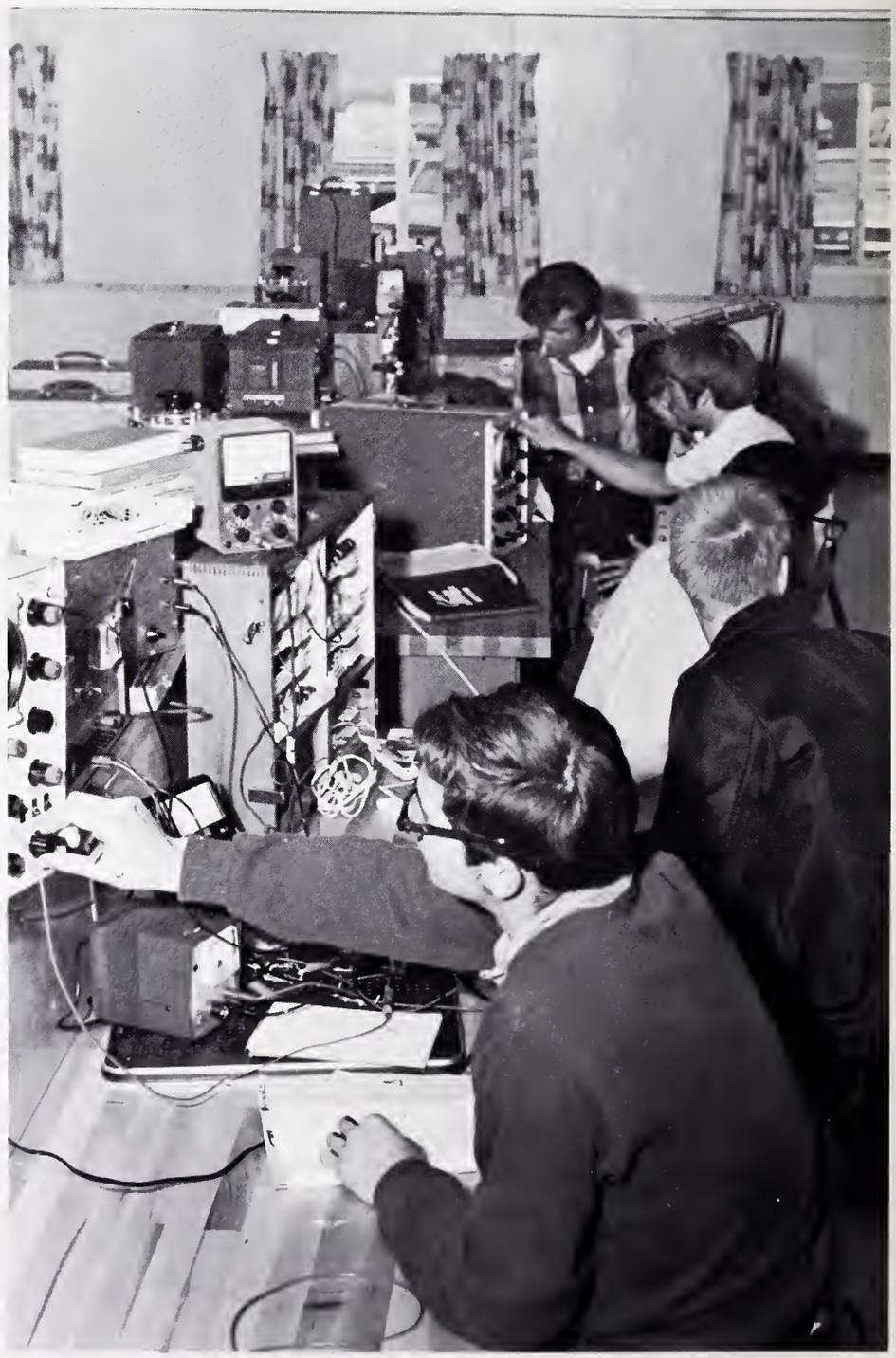
Concentration
in lecture,
class or exam





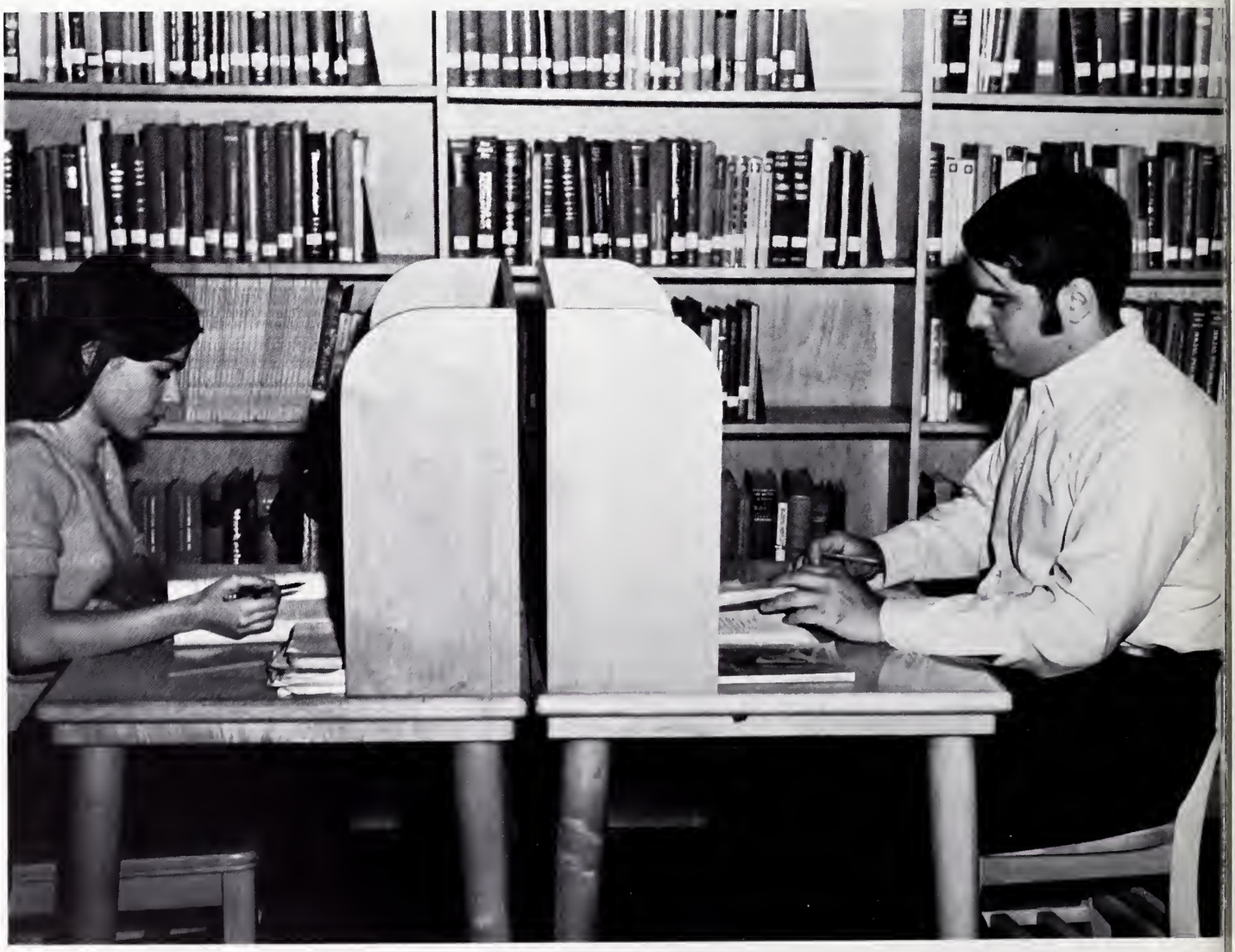
Careers Ahead

One out of every five students at Prairie State college is working towards a career. Some study electronics, some engineering, some data processing and programming.



Taped learning

Two in carrels



Dubbing learning tapes

Fun
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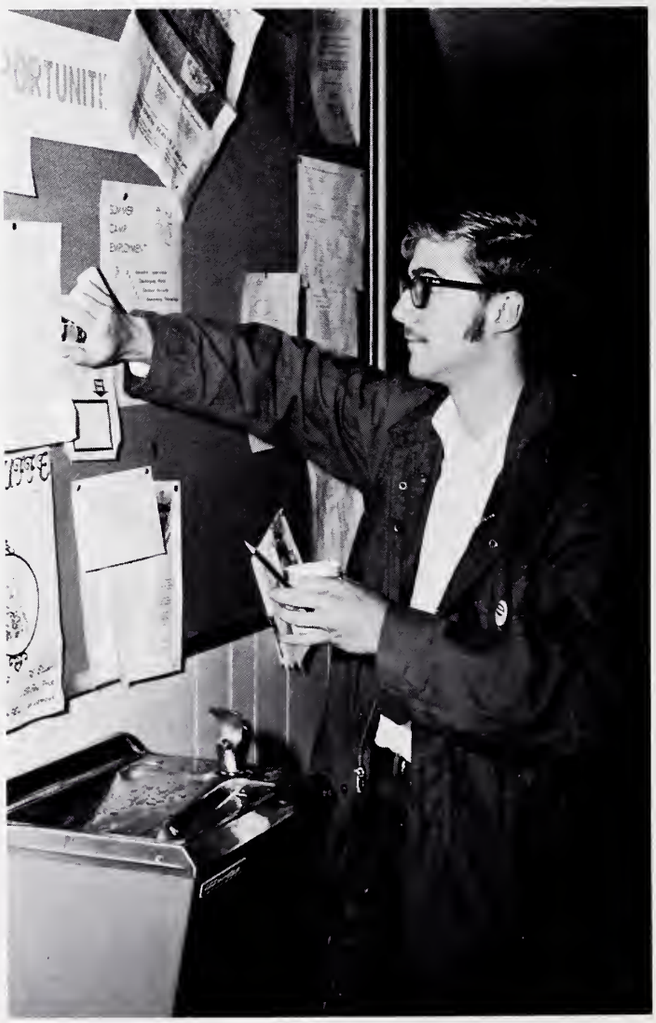

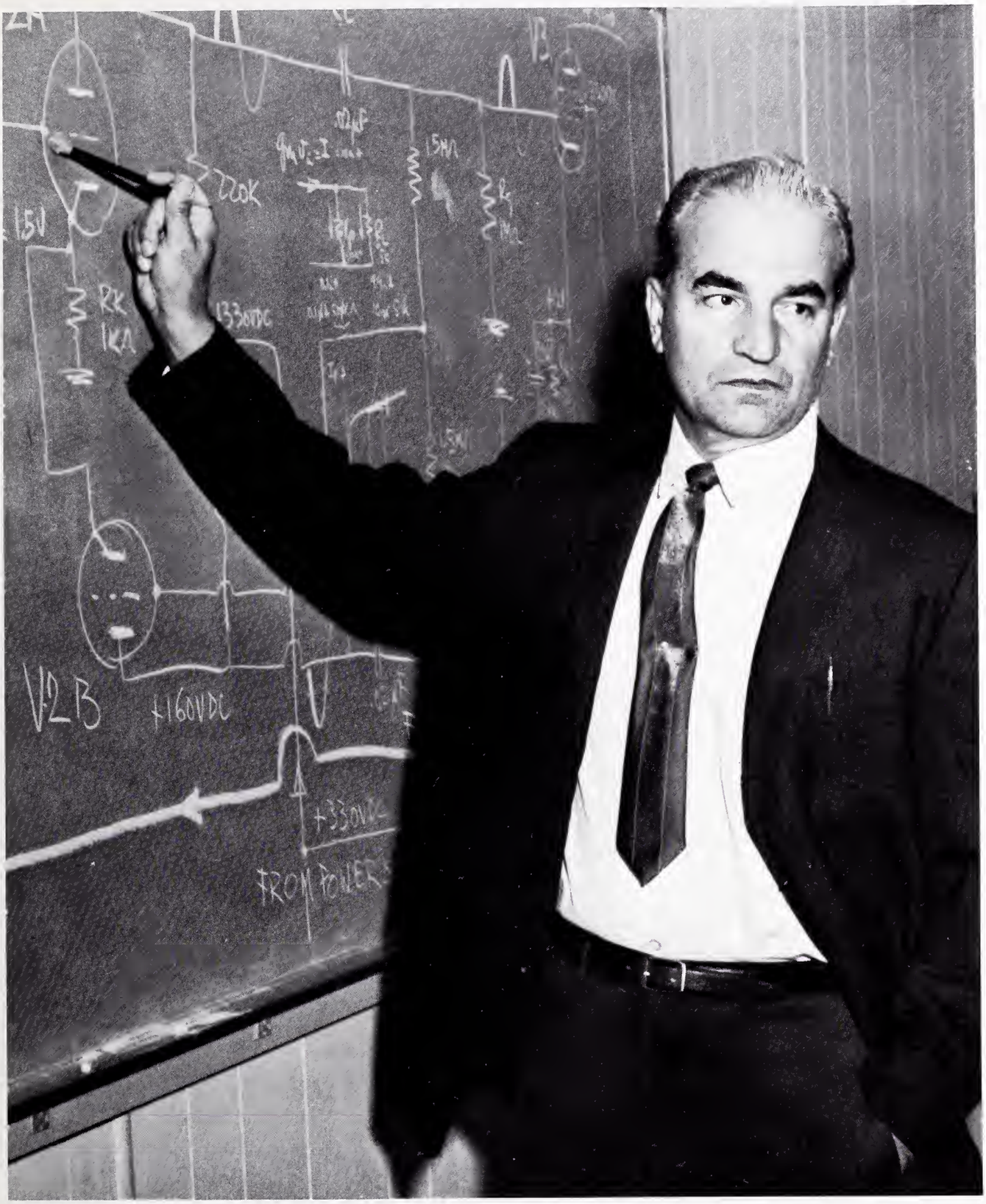

FACULTY

Prairie State's board of trustees was re-constituted in April with election of four new trustees. Posing for their official portrait in Dr. Hostrop's office are (front from left) Mrs. Shirley Mellecker, Lester Kloss, chairman and holdover member), Mrs. Doris Hill, (rear) Dr. Dale Collins, holdover member, Richard R. McElroy and Dr. W. A. Jackson.

Dr. Richard W. Hostrop, president of Prairie State, received the endorsement of trustees when they voted him a new two-year contract. At right, the president greets students at the October pep rally.

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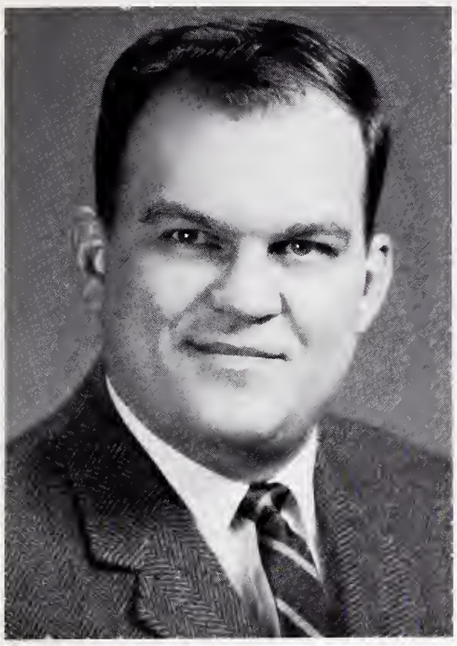

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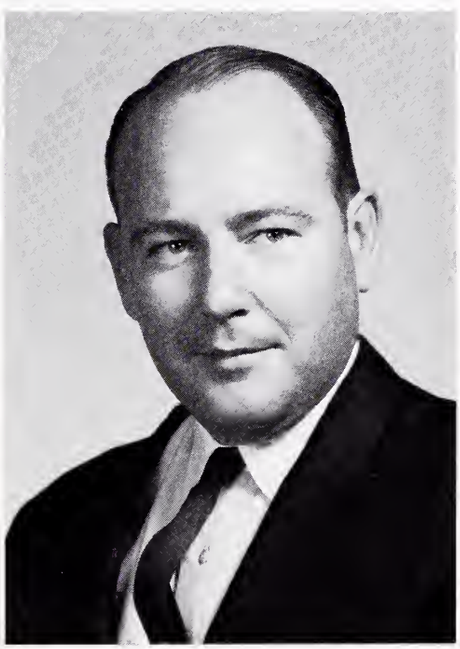

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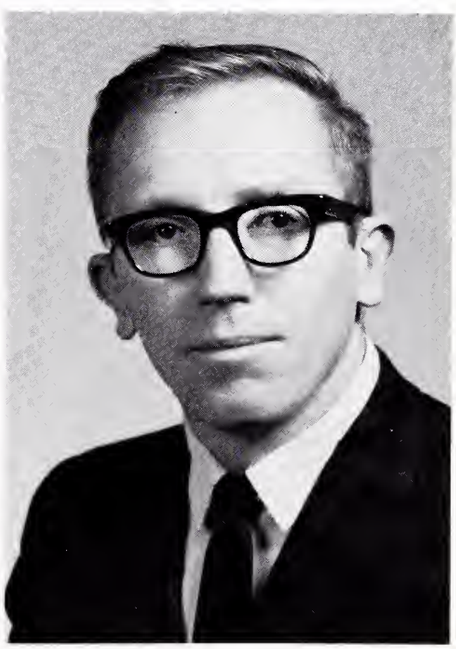

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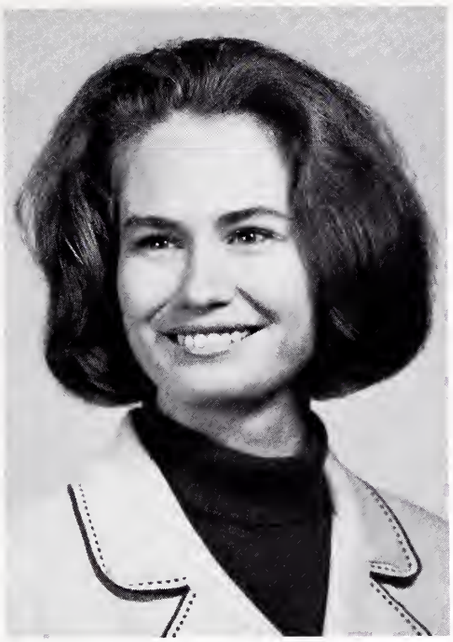

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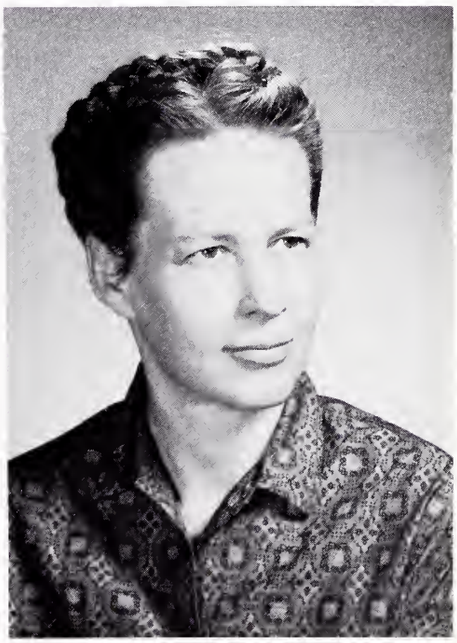

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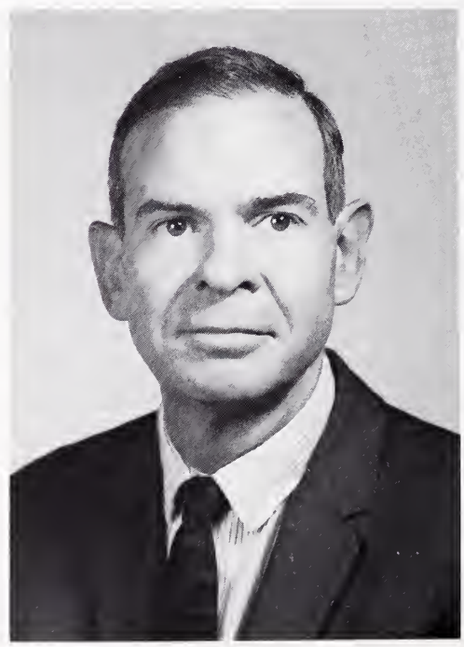

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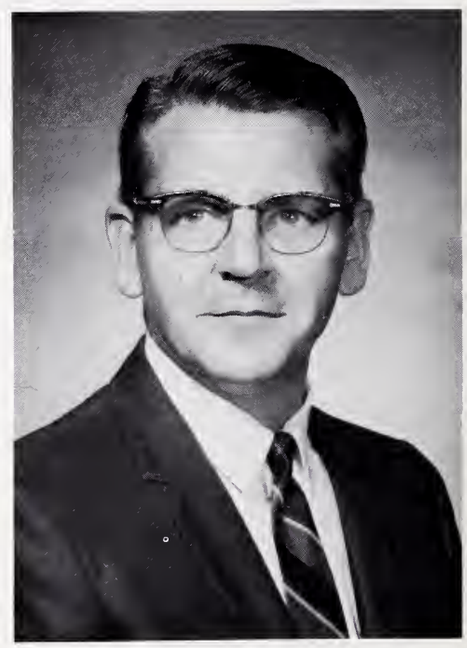

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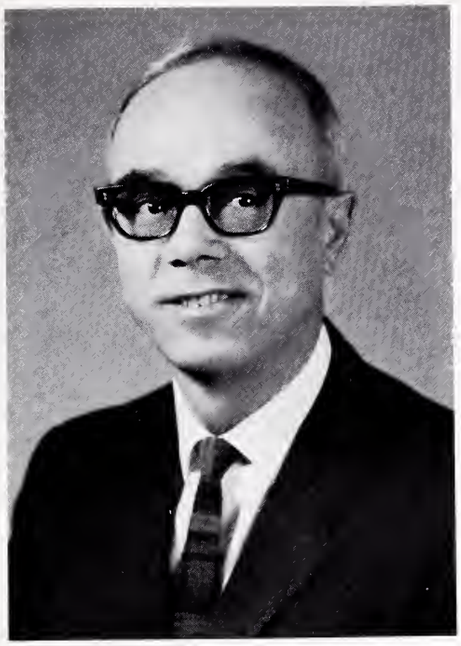

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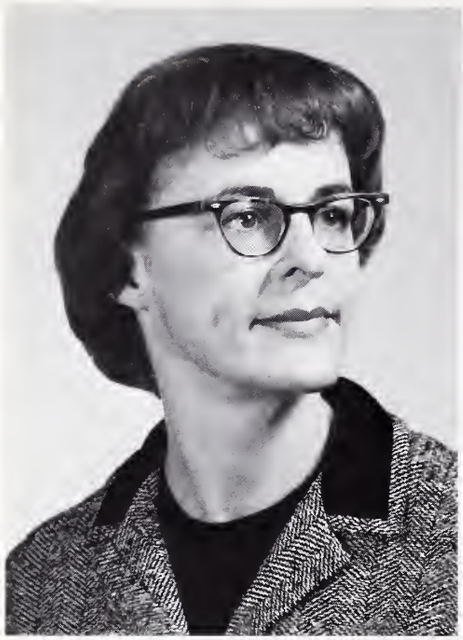

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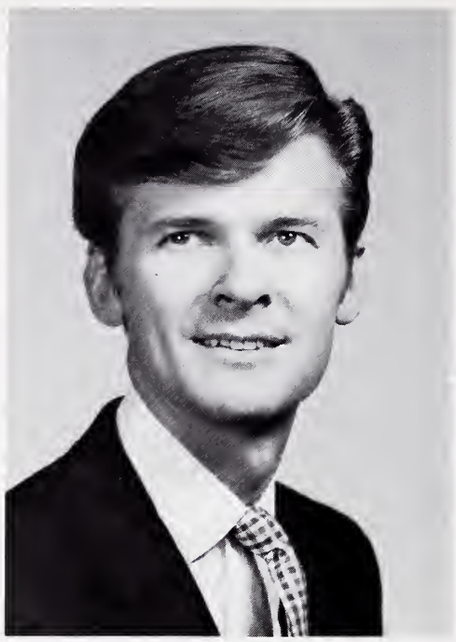

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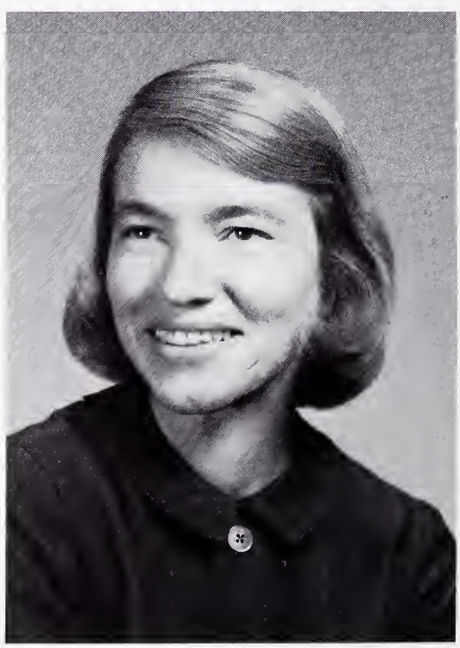

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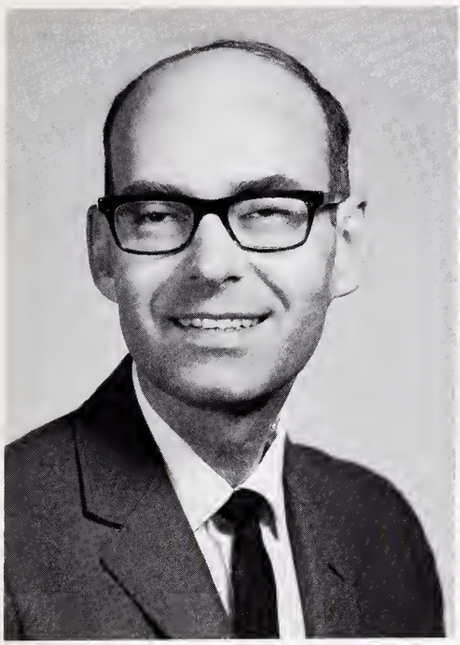

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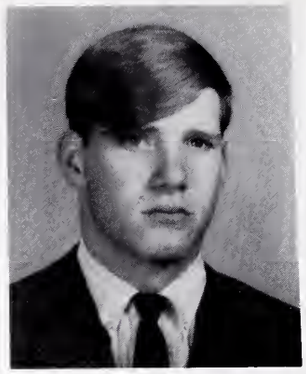

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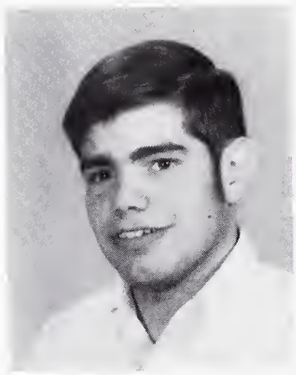

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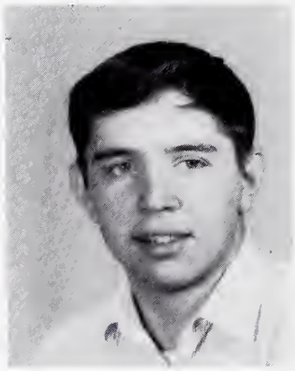

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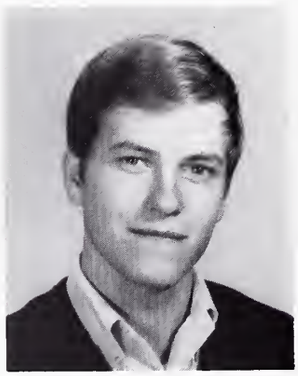

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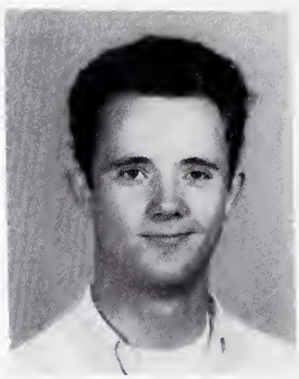

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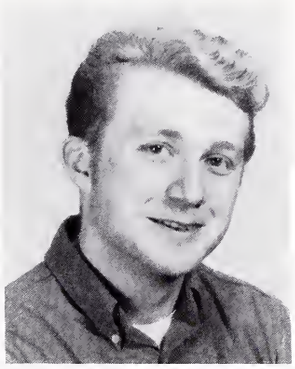

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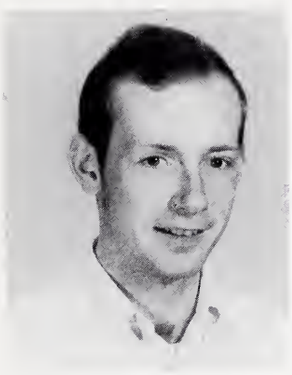

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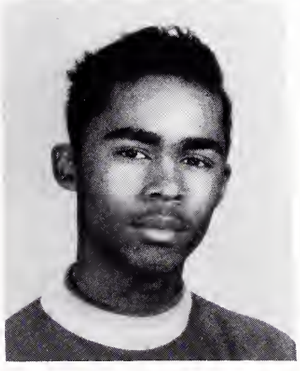

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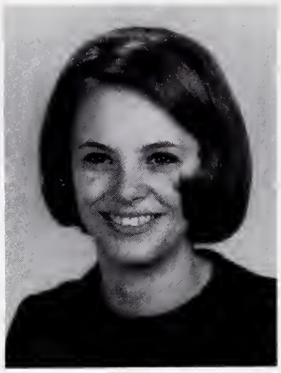

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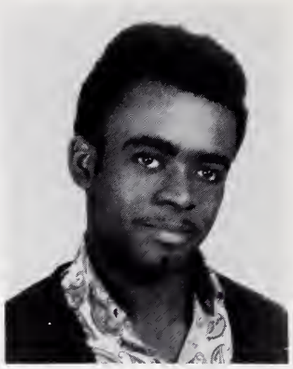

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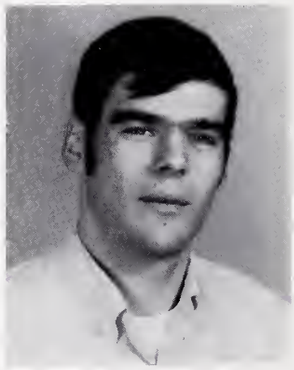

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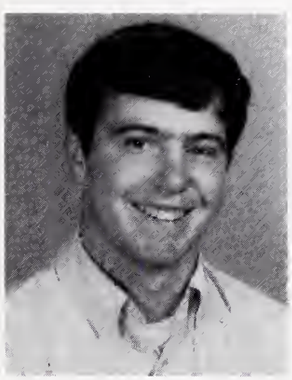

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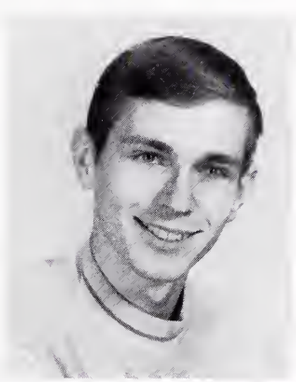

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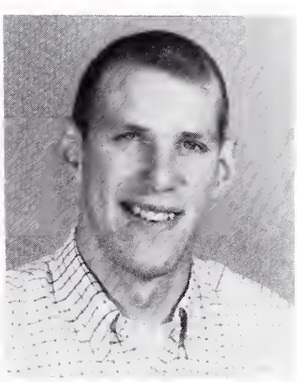

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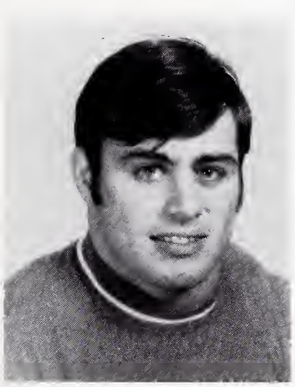

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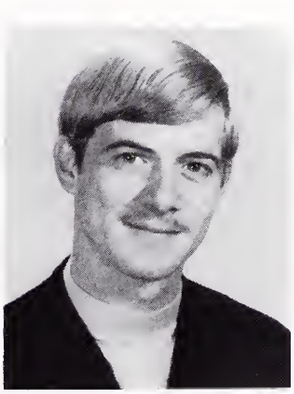

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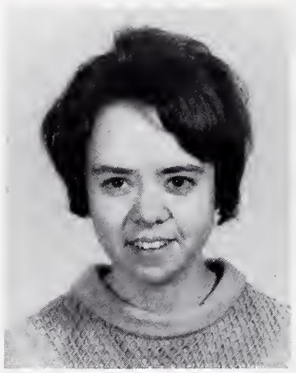

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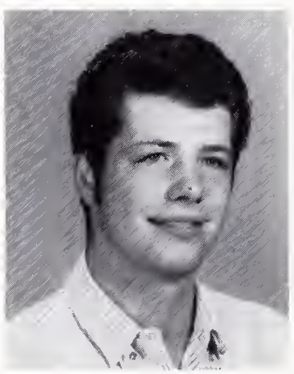

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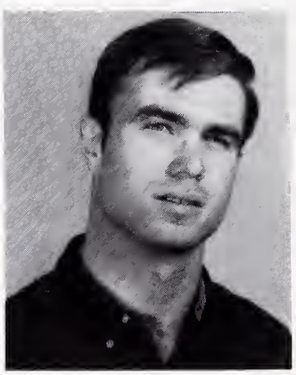

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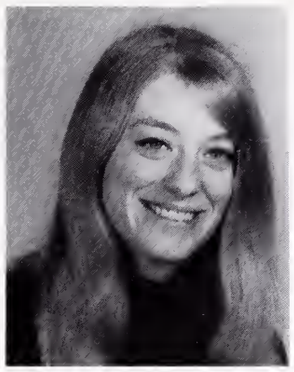

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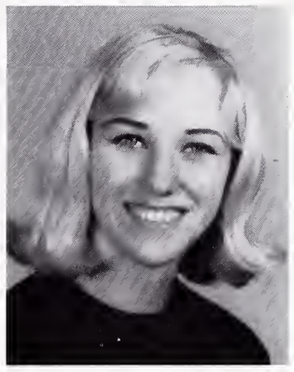

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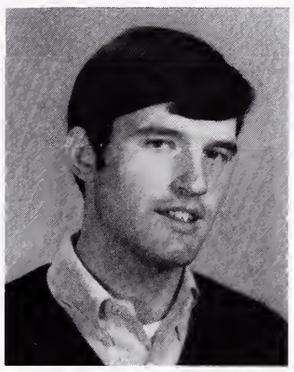

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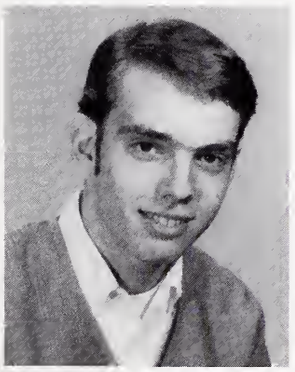

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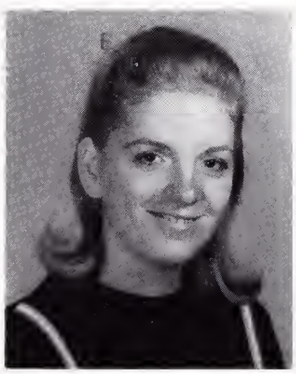

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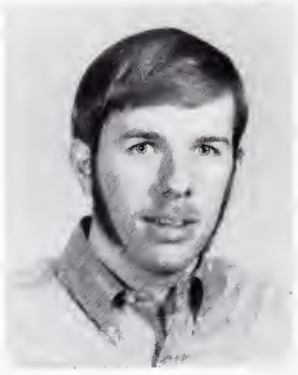

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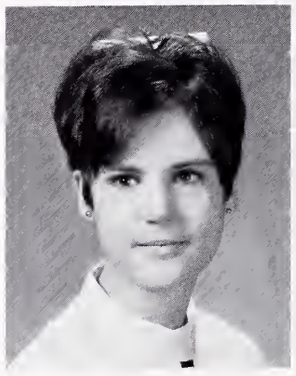

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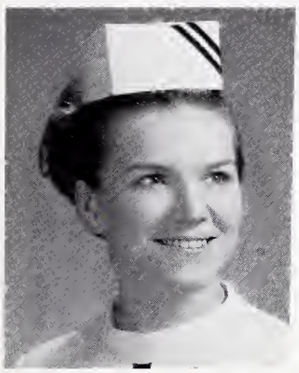

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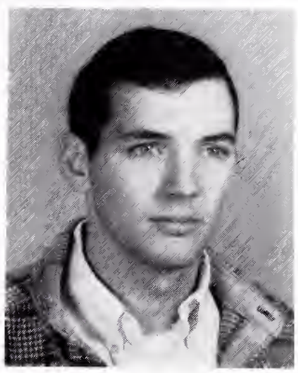

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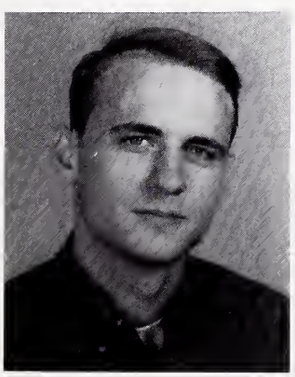

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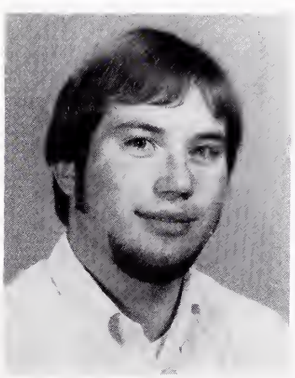

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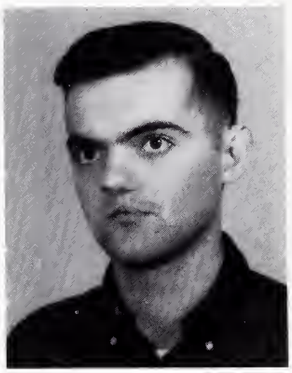

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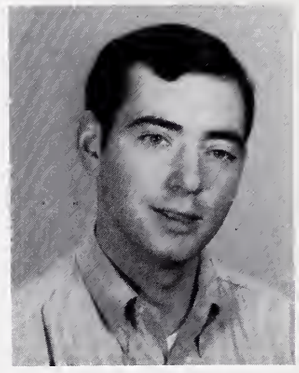

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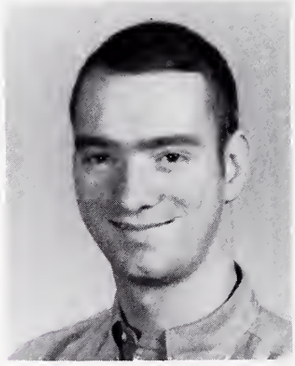

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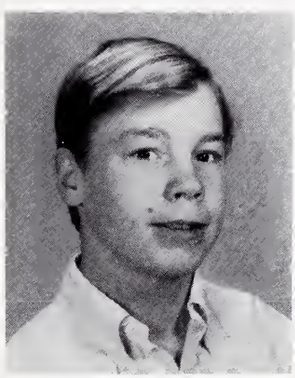

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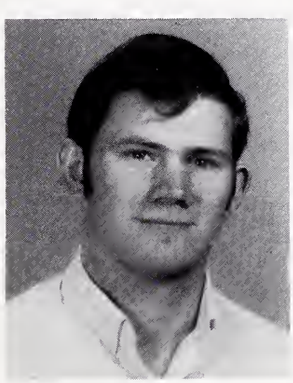

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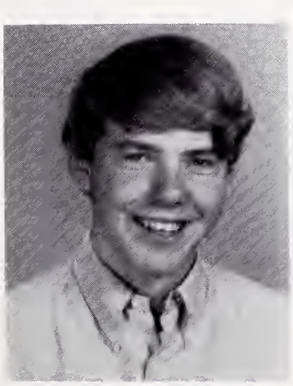

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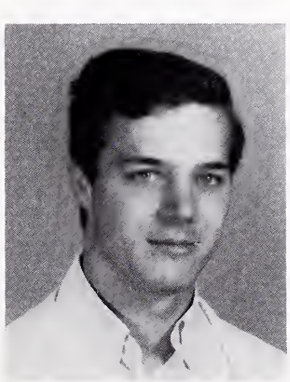

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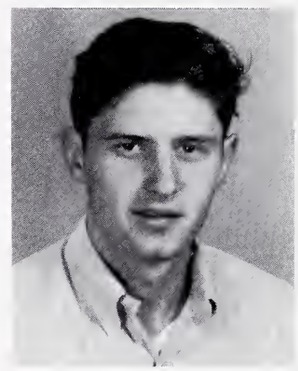

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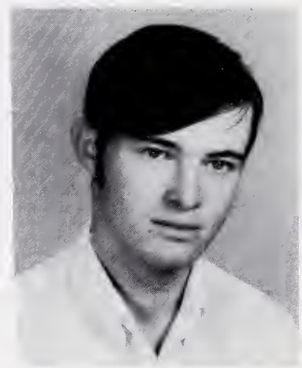

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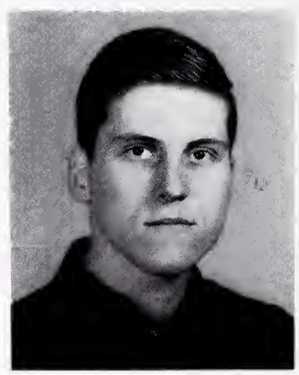

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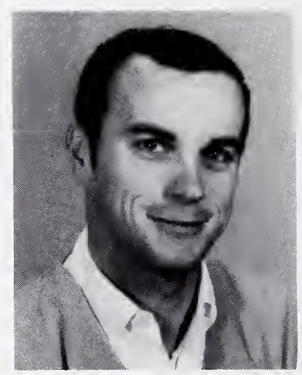

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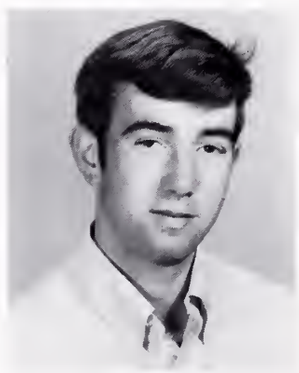

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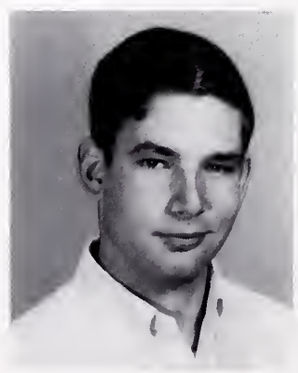

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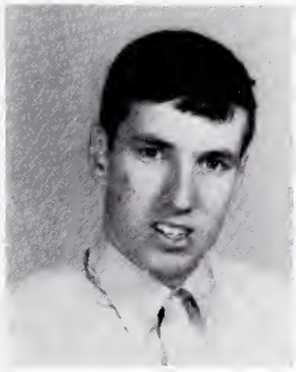

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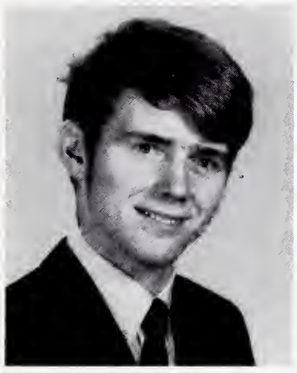

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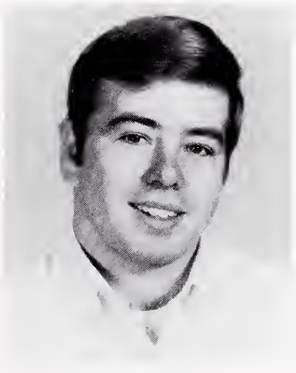

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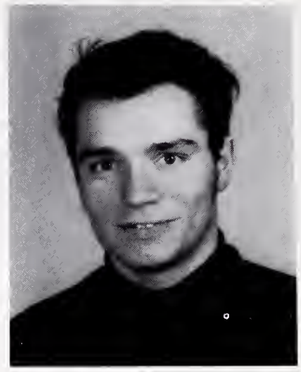

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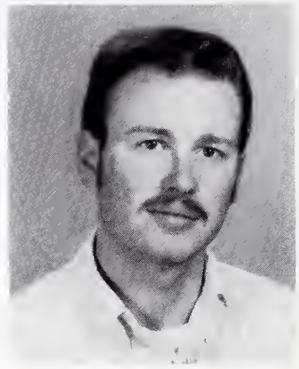

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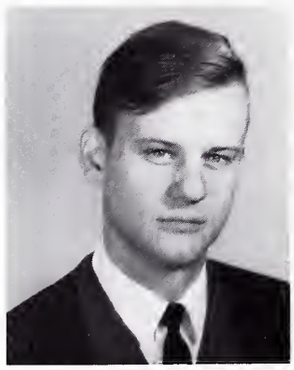

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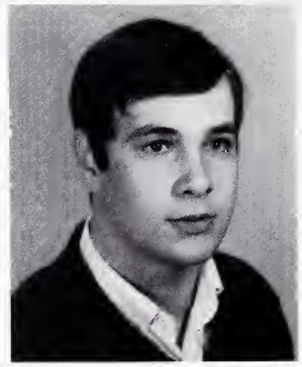

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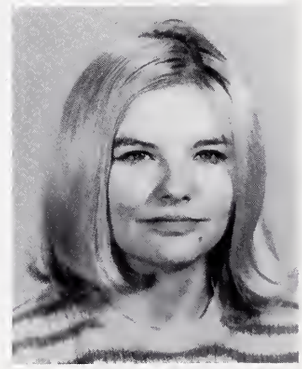

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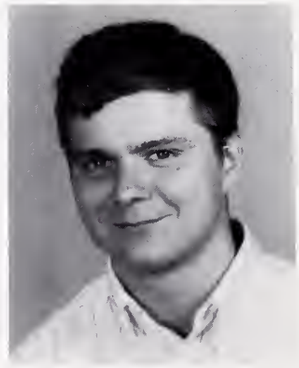

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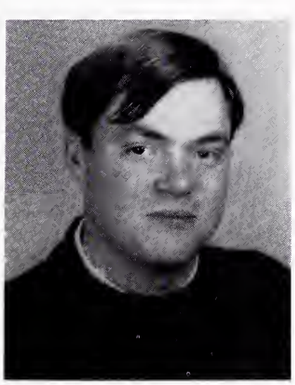

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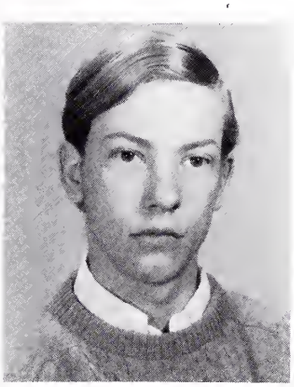

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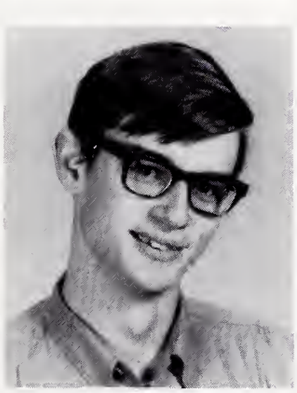

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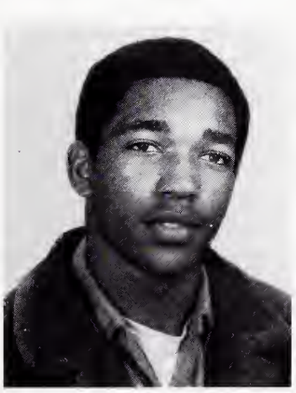

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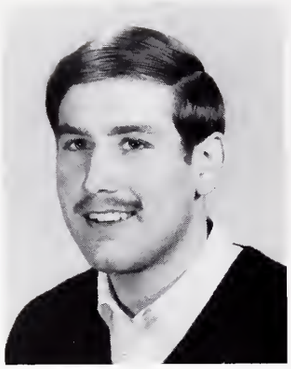

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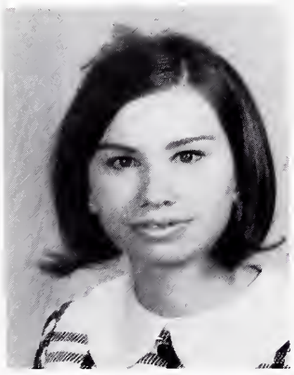

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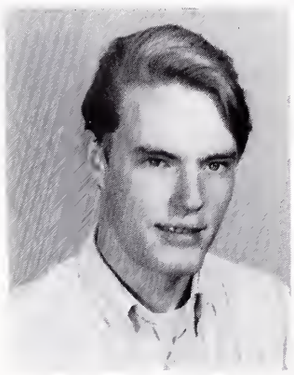

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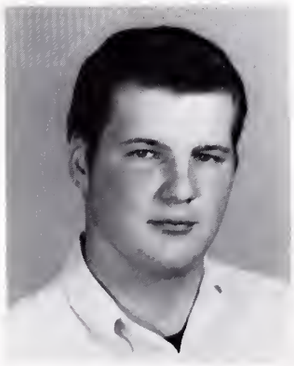

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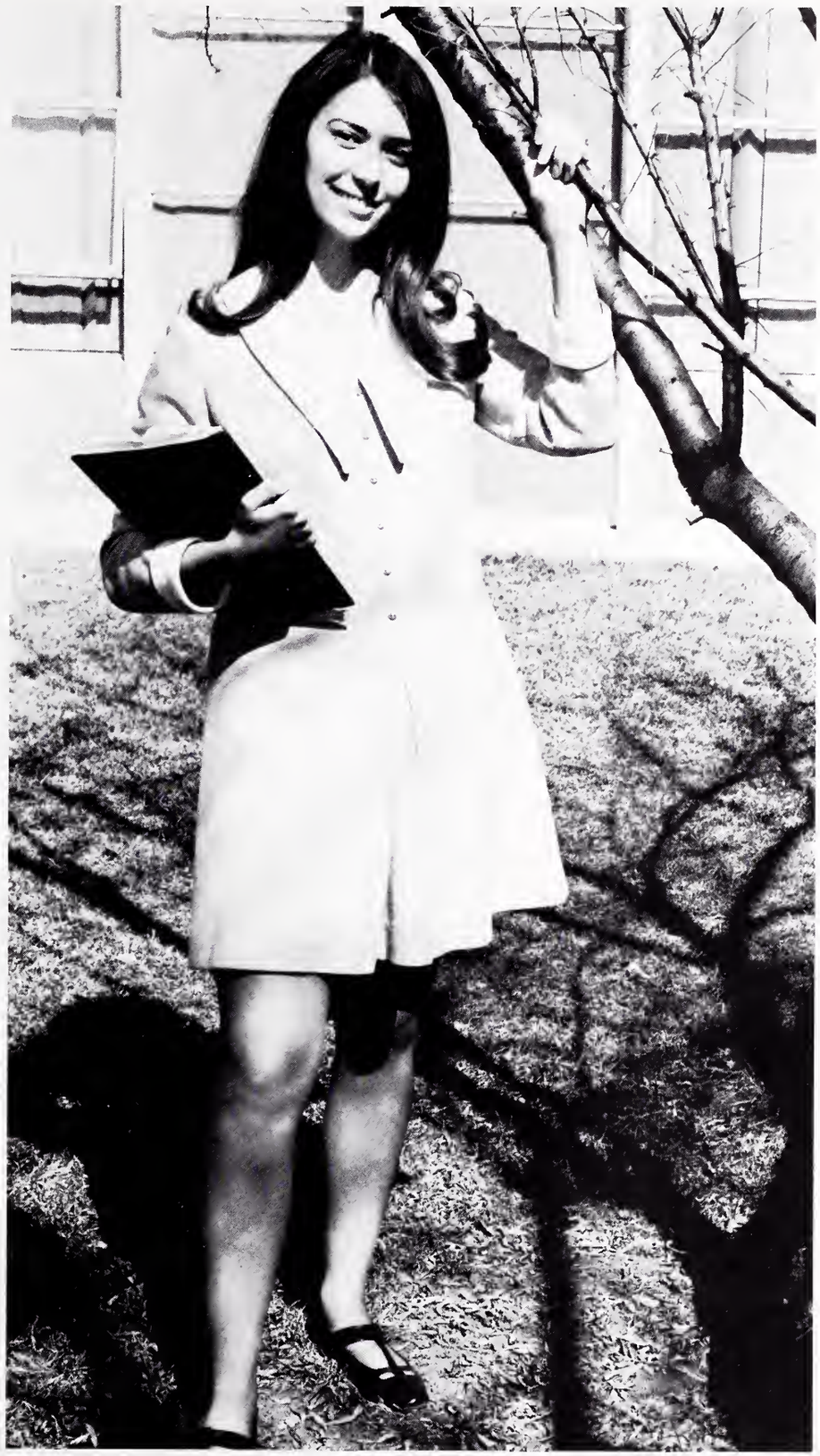

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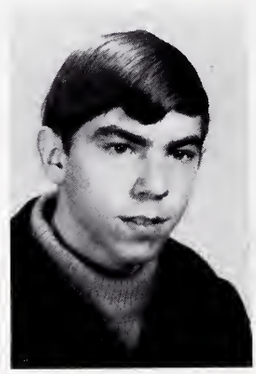

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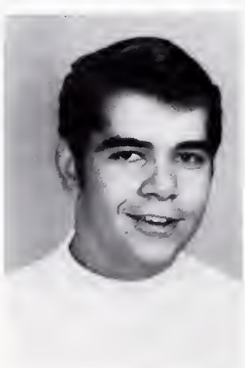

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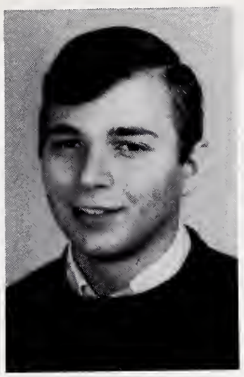

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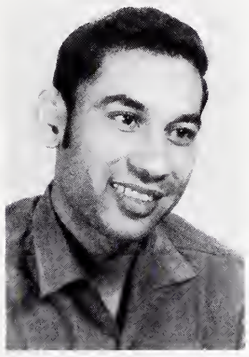

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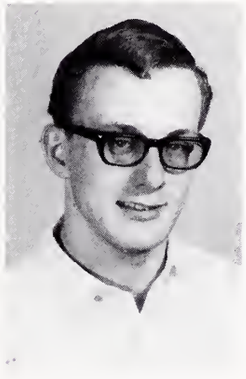

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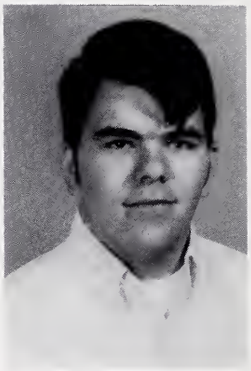

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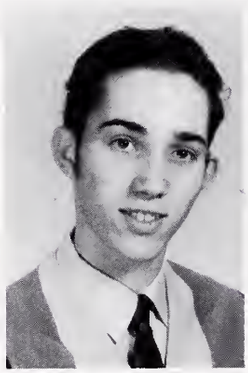

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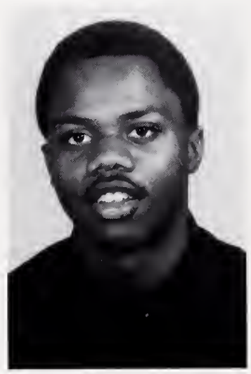

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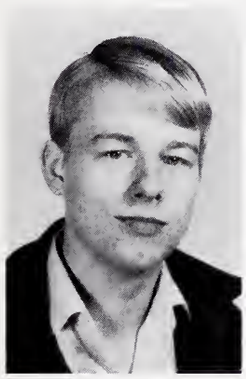

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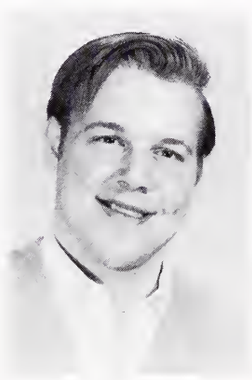

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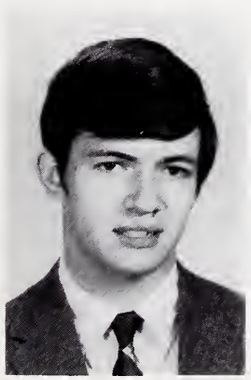

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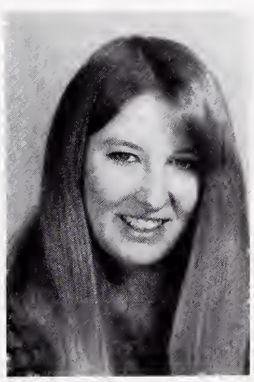

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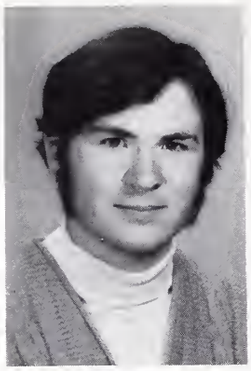

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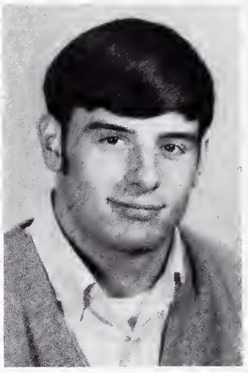

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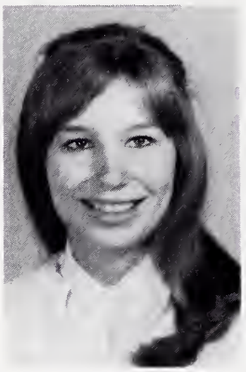

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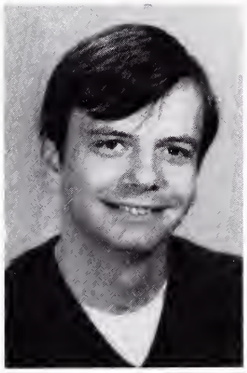

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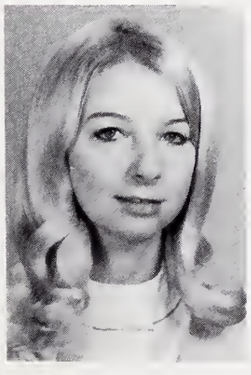

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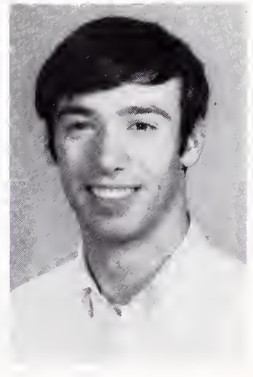

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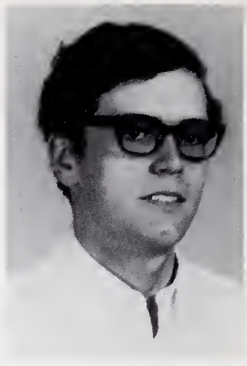

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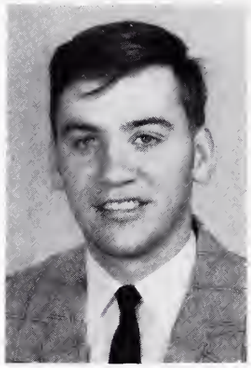

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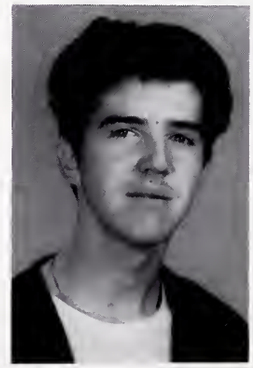

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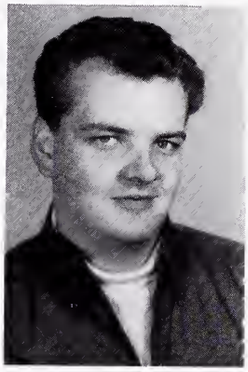

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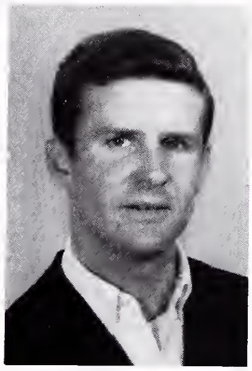

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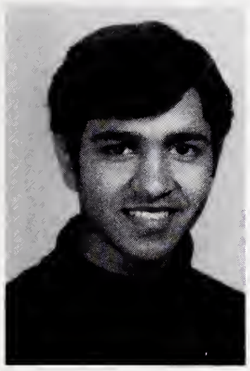

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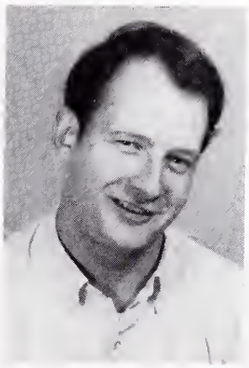

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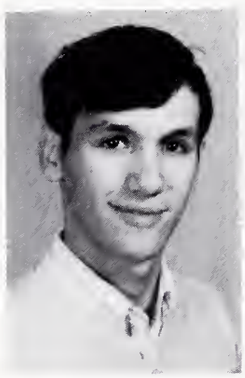

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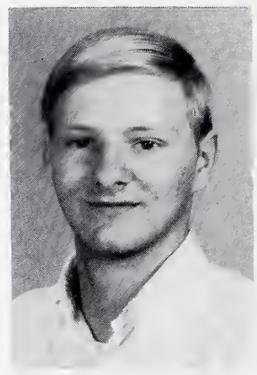

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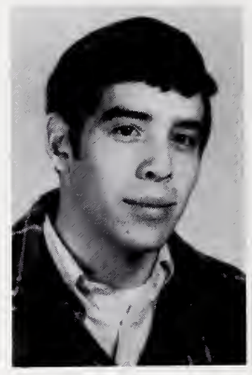

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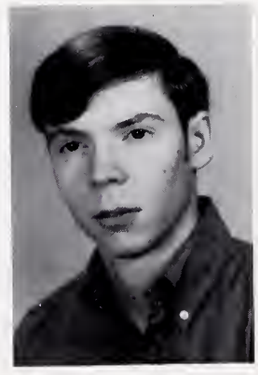

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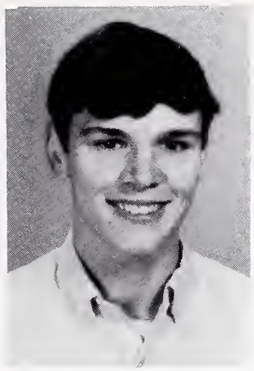

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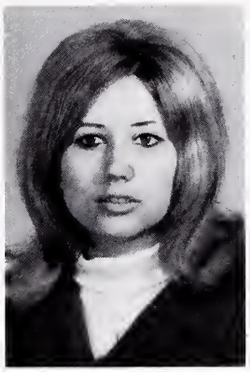

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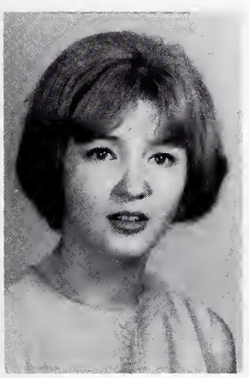

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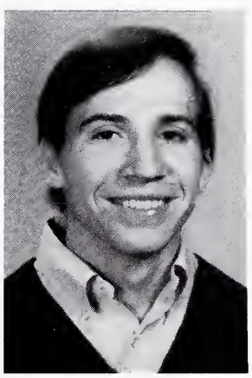

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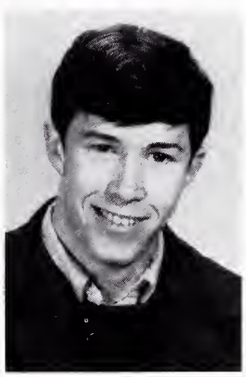

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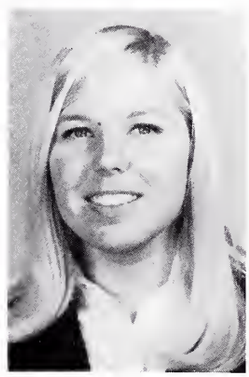

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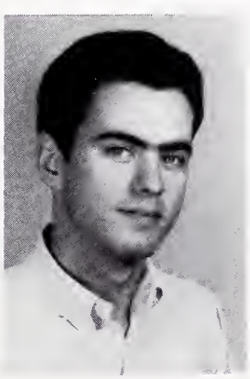

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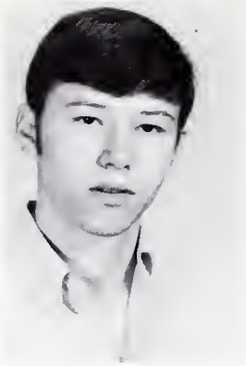

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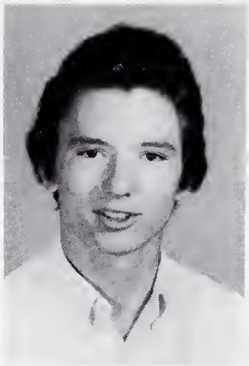

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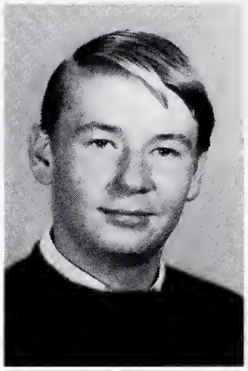

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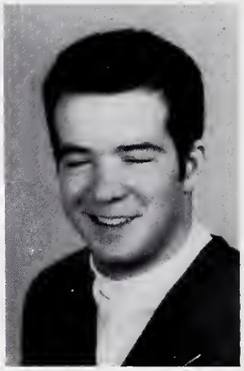

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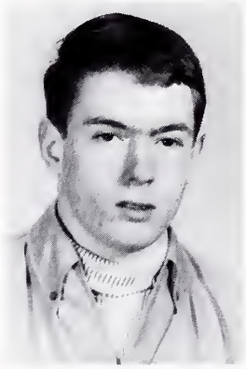

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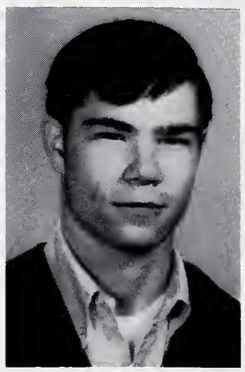

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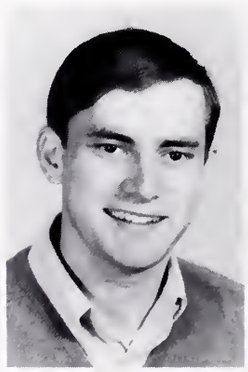

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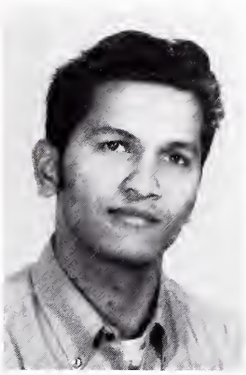

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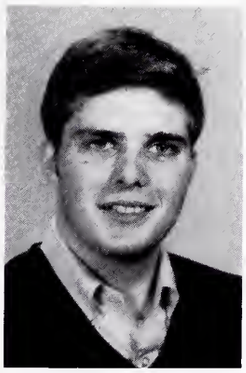

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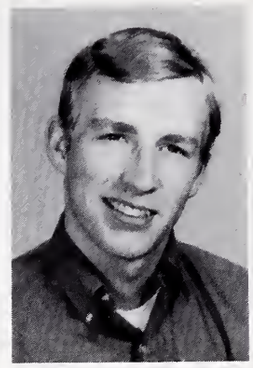

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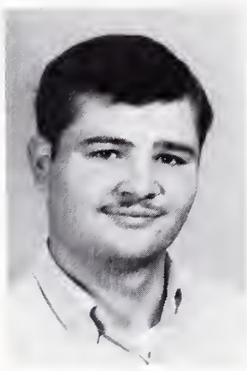

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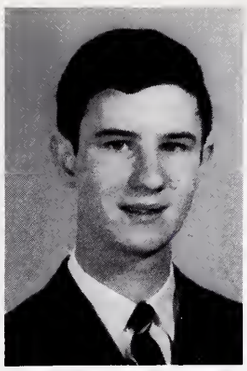

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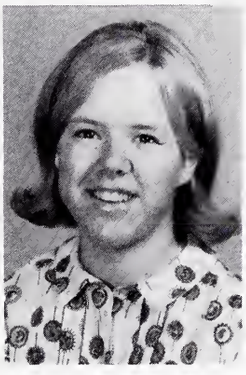

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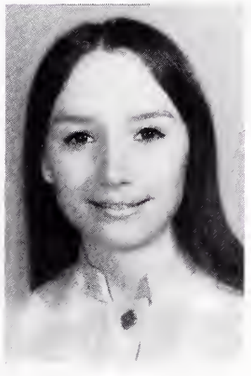

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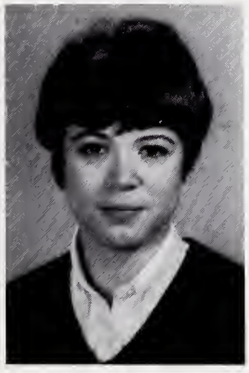

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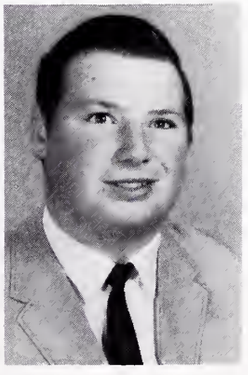

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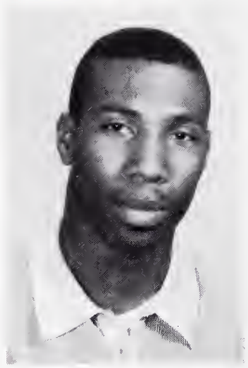

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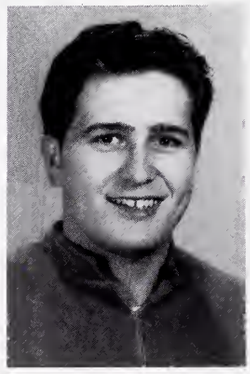

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Members are (front row from left) Stan Homik, Steve Rice, Julie Halversson, Dave Patrizi, (back) Dave Manners, Ed Paesel, Michal Shoemaker, Doug Allesandrini and Bob Phagan.

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Debbie White Dave Johnson Maria Bianconi

AWS

Probably the most active club on campus is the Associated Women Students organization. AWS consistently sponsors activities beneficial to both the college and the community. All women students are members.

Some of the AWS activities include the Halloween dance, the fund drive for soldiers in Viet Nam, the Christmas drive for the poor of the area, the Christmas Chocolate, the talent show, the fashion show, and the woman of the year award.

Annette White, Marjorie Westerhoff, Pat Haney, Julie Halverson, Valerie Piacenti, Michal Shoemaker, Carolyn Ranieri, Karen Bruno, Maria Bianconi.

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Gisele Baum, Karen Herkert, Roseann Mattio, Maria Bianconi, Annette White, Joan Gregg, (Front row).

Men's Union

(Front) Jawad Samara, Waleed Ali, Tom Biltgen. (Rear) Tom Ryan, Dave Manners, Andy Kern

Prairie State Players

(Top) Sam Pappalardo, Bob Phagan, Mark Lewandowski, Jim Cramer, John Hansen, Jerry Gruber. (Front) Cathy McGonigal, Roseann Mattio, Marge Westerhoff, Valerie Piacenti, Audrey Wladyka.

Who's Who

(Front) Oscar Trevino, Diane Dettmering, Deanna Broxterman, Kathy Weishaar, Maria Bianconi. (Rear) Mary Zaranti, Julie Halverson, Shirley Patty, Marge Westerhoff, Mary McGonigal, Mike Shoemaker, Gayle Miller.

These Prairie State sophomores were named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior colleges." Selection was based on academic scholarship, extra-curricular activities and community service. Students, faculty and administration voted on their selection.

"Who's Who" is a national organization which honors annually those junior college students who have excelled in their studies and activities. The names of all students selected and short biographies appear in the annual edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior colleges." The students also receive certificates of merit from the organization.

Fencing Club

(Rear) Kathy Kleinhample, Sharon Kaczmarek. (Front) Ambrose VanArsdale, Mary Buxbaum, Sue Gautsch.

Varsity Club

(Rear) Doug Alessandrini, Don Dzurison, Arick Shoemaker, Coach Lee Albrecht. (Front) Dave Johnson, John Tadey, Tom Ryan, Bryan Edwards.

Sharps and Flats

(Rear) Cathy McGonigal, Bob Phagan, John Hansen, Bob Abel, Mark Lewandowski, Jim Cramer, Linda Gereg, Diane Dettmering. (Front) Rose Vollmer, Valerie Piacenti, Roseann Mattio, Debbie White, Audrey Wladyka, Tosca Crestani.

Black Student Union

(Rear) Brady Franklin, David Brownfield, Melvin McDowell. (Rear) Dorothy Nelson, Debbie White, Janice Murray.

THE Prairie* Statement

Co-editors Jerry Gruber and Marge Westerhoff

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SPORTS

Basketball

Happiness is breaking the school record for victories; having two of your players shatter the all time scoring mark for one season; winning a big tournament against your arch rival, and becoming the first team in Prairie State history to defeat a four year college at anything.

All of this was accomplished by the '69 basketball team. The Gophers, under the direction of Head Coach Jack Rudy and Assistant Coach Stan Scroczynski, led State to its greatest season ever.

The Gophers finished the season with a 17 and 11 mark, coming one game shy of the sectional championship. We lost the crown to Wilson, the state runner up, 84 to 63.

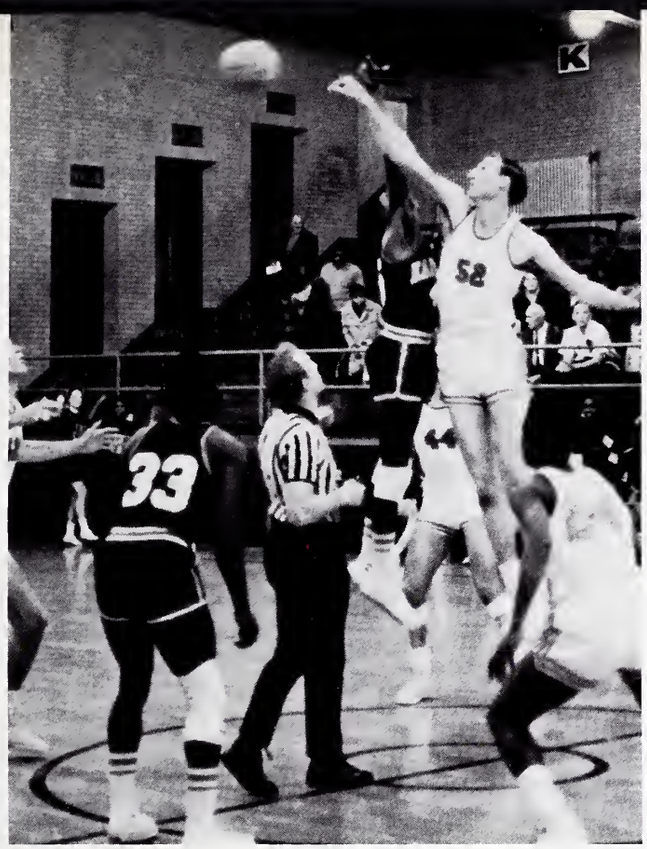
Rich Cornell and Bob Roviaro paced the Gopher attack for the majority of the year. Both topped Bud Mocco's single season point production of 454 points. Roviaro rang up 550 points, averaging 19.6 per game. Cornell broke even this total, with 635 points and a 22.7 average.

One of the sweetest victorys of the season came when State recaptured the title of Thornton Holiday champions. They bombed the home town Harvey boys 101 to 77.

But the biggest win by far for the Gophers was their 'at home' defeat of the Loyola frosh by 89 to 85. The game went down as a real team victory, with Cornell scoring 31 points; Roviaro tossing in the winning free throw; Lamont Parker hitting when it really counted; Bob DaFoe stealing the ball from Loyola with seconds left. This forced the Ramblers to foul Wayne Bronaugh. He put the game out of reach.

What lies ahead for the Gophers? A write up in Johnny Meyers column . . . if they're real lucky. However, a victory over the Boston Celtics appears more realistic.

Two for Roviaro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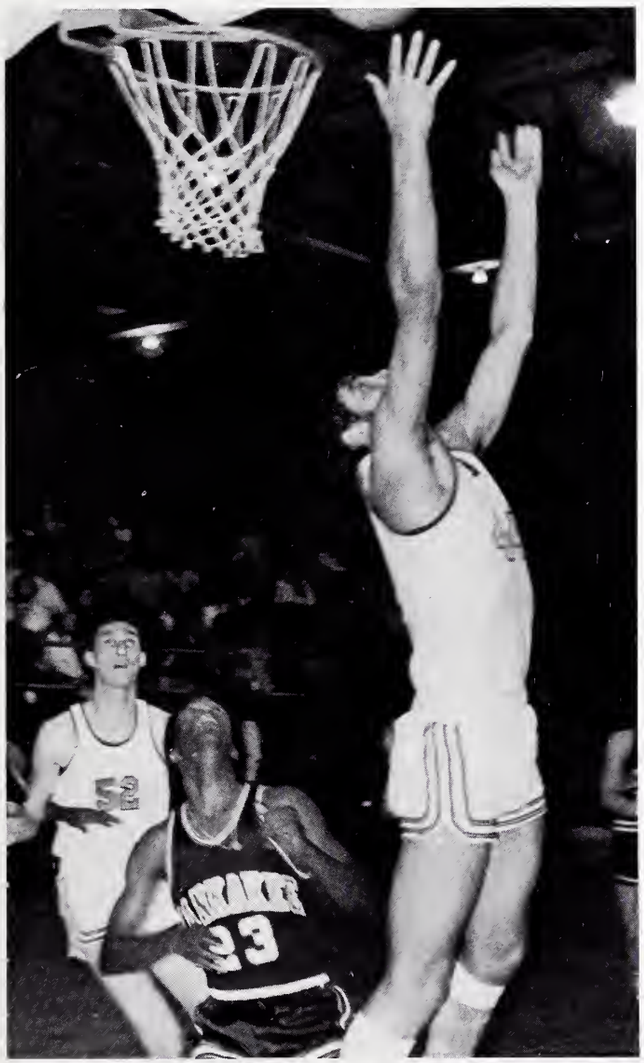
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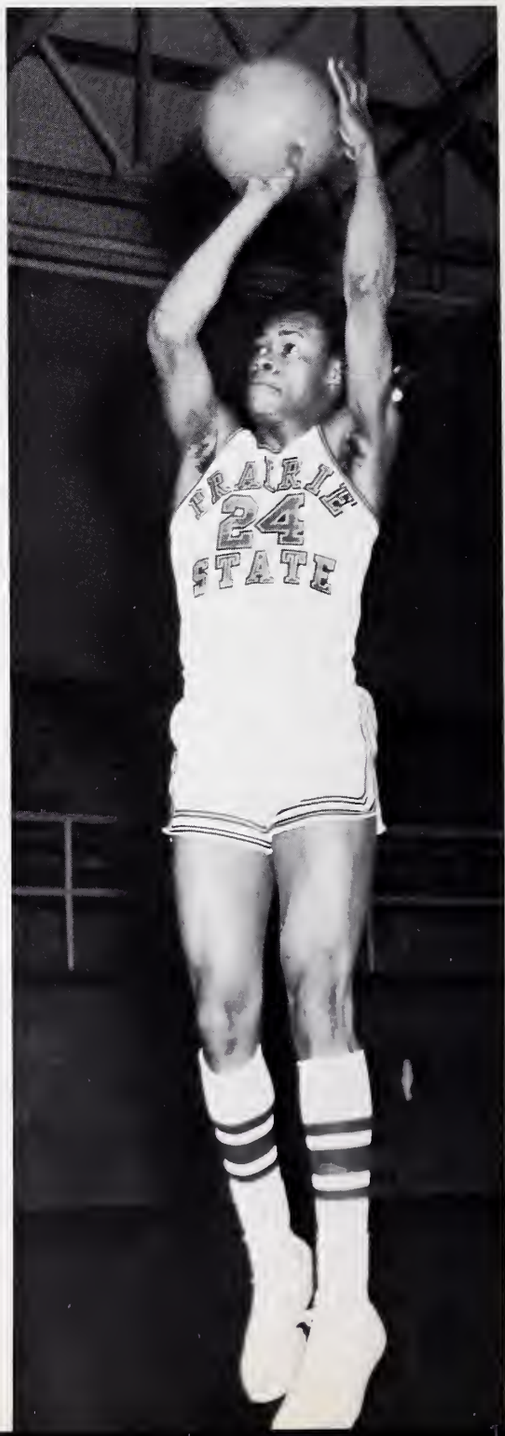
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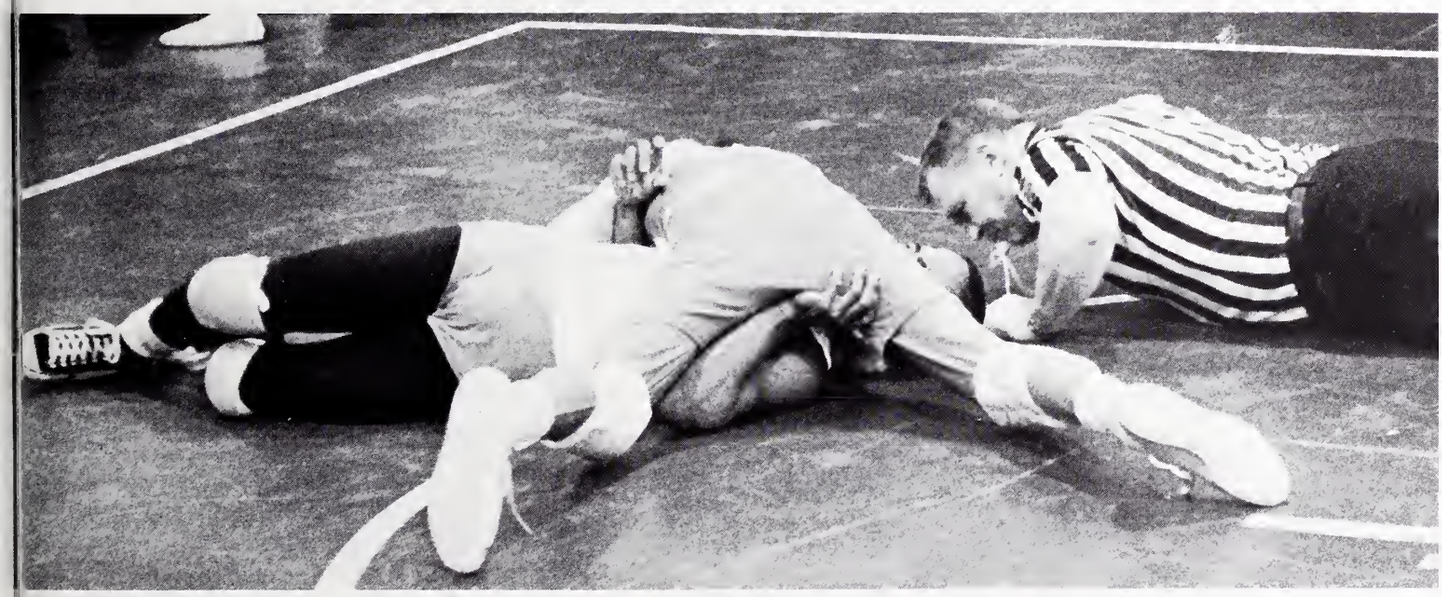
The winning Gophers — Coach Jack Rudy, Manager Ron Landauer, Bob Kush, Joe Skybous, Lamont Parker, Harry Stambaugh, Rich Cornell, Bob Roviaro, Bod DeFoe, Paul Petrick, Wayne Bronaugh, Rick Weaver, Mike Faulkner, Steve Jones (manager), Stan Scroczynski, (assistant coach.)

Wrestling

It took a few years, but it finally happened. And it happened at the expense of Wilson, the basketball thumping school from Chicago. What it was, was the first victory ever for a Prairie State wrestling team.

However, the wrestling squad was far from being finished as it conquered Amundsen at home and on the road, to turn a dismal season into a fairly successful one. Leading the grappling Gophers were Al Parker, Tony Murphy, Terry Rauen, Dave Johnson, Dennis Dallas and George Cox. Lee Petterson, nicknamed "The Doc," coached the team.



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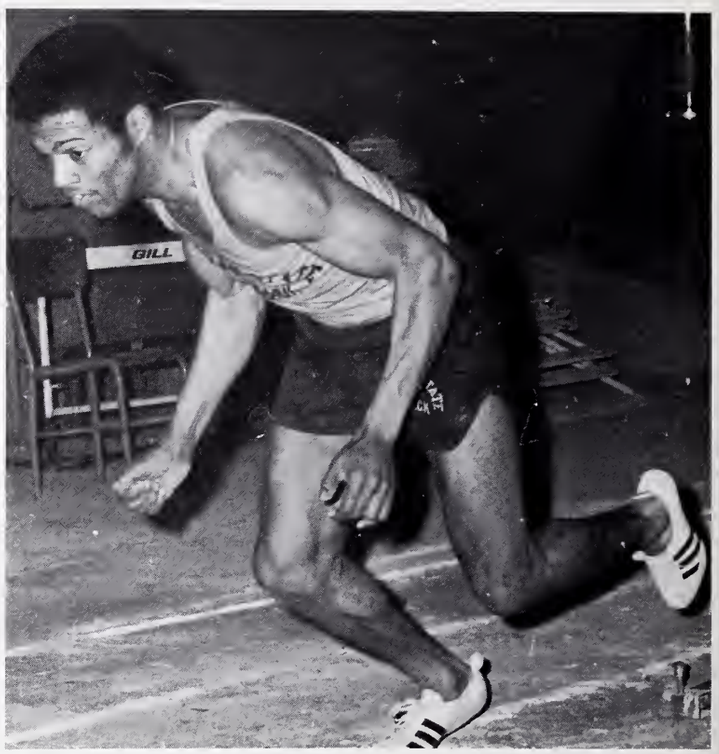


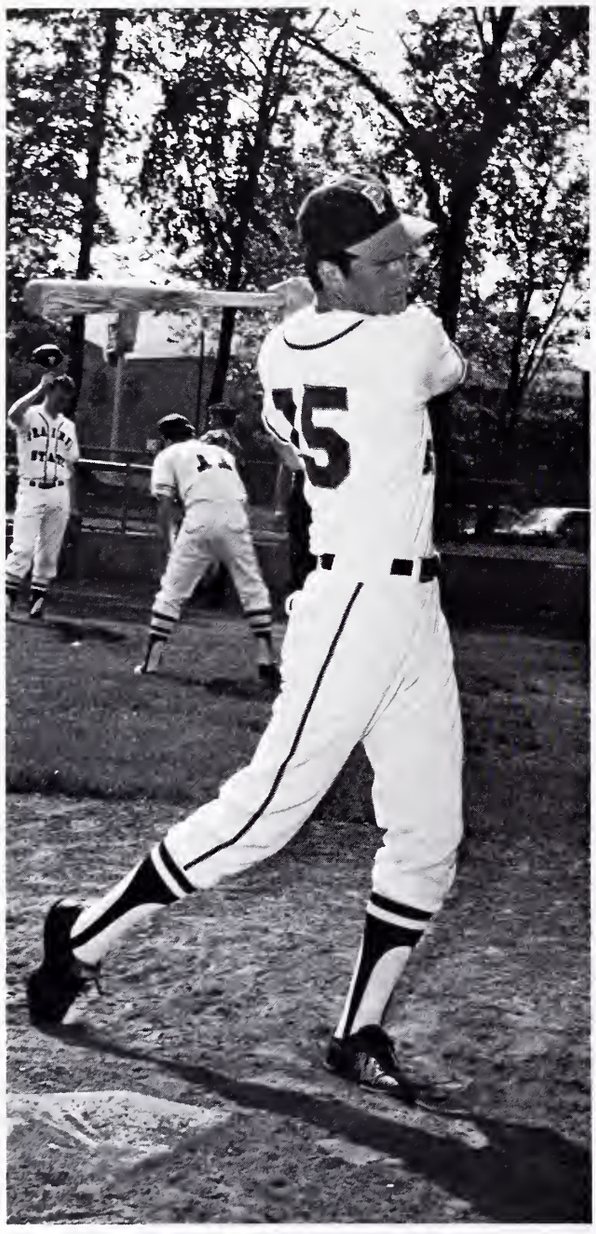
Golf

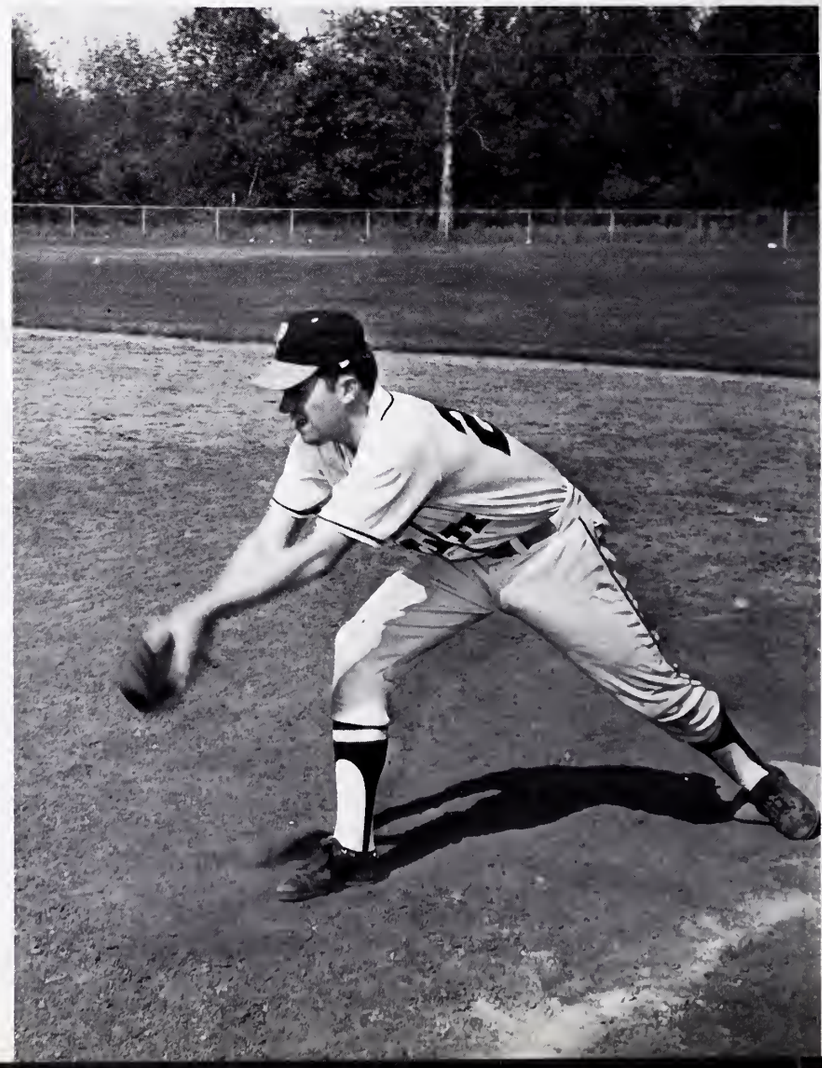
What appeared to be a building year for the Prairie State golf team, was in actuality a productive, winning season.

Walt Kusay took the honors as top golfer, appearing as the medalist for State in all of the dual matches. Walt averaged 74 strokes per round as the Gophers tied for sixth in the Northern Illinois Conference standings.

Coached by Bob Rehberg, the Gophers appear to be ready to tee off on all upcoming opponents next year. Kusay, who is scheduled to return with the other three golfers, John Ciaccio, Bob Velo and Randy Meyers, form the nucleus of a very fine squad.

Cheerleaders



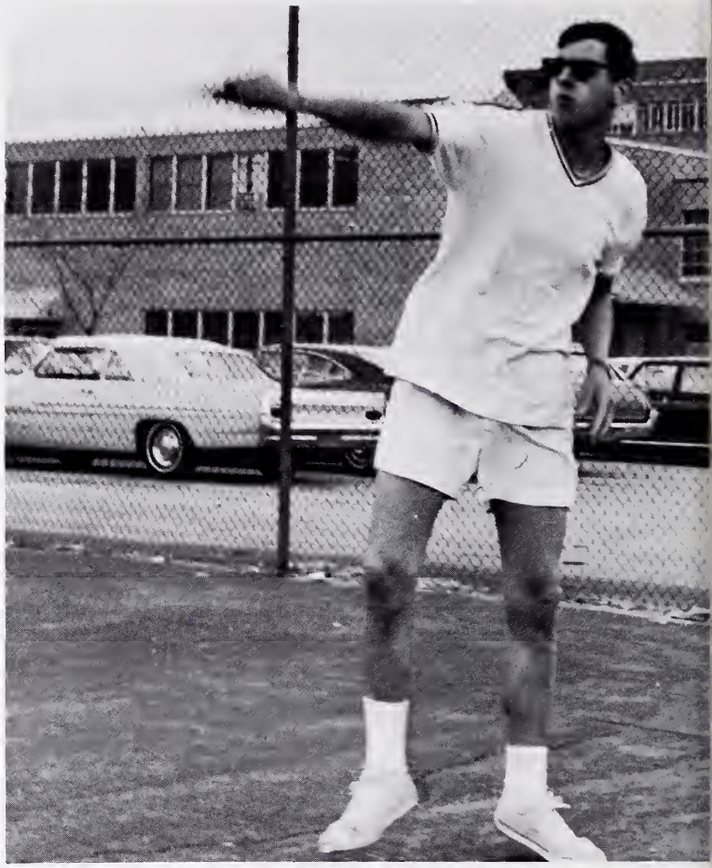


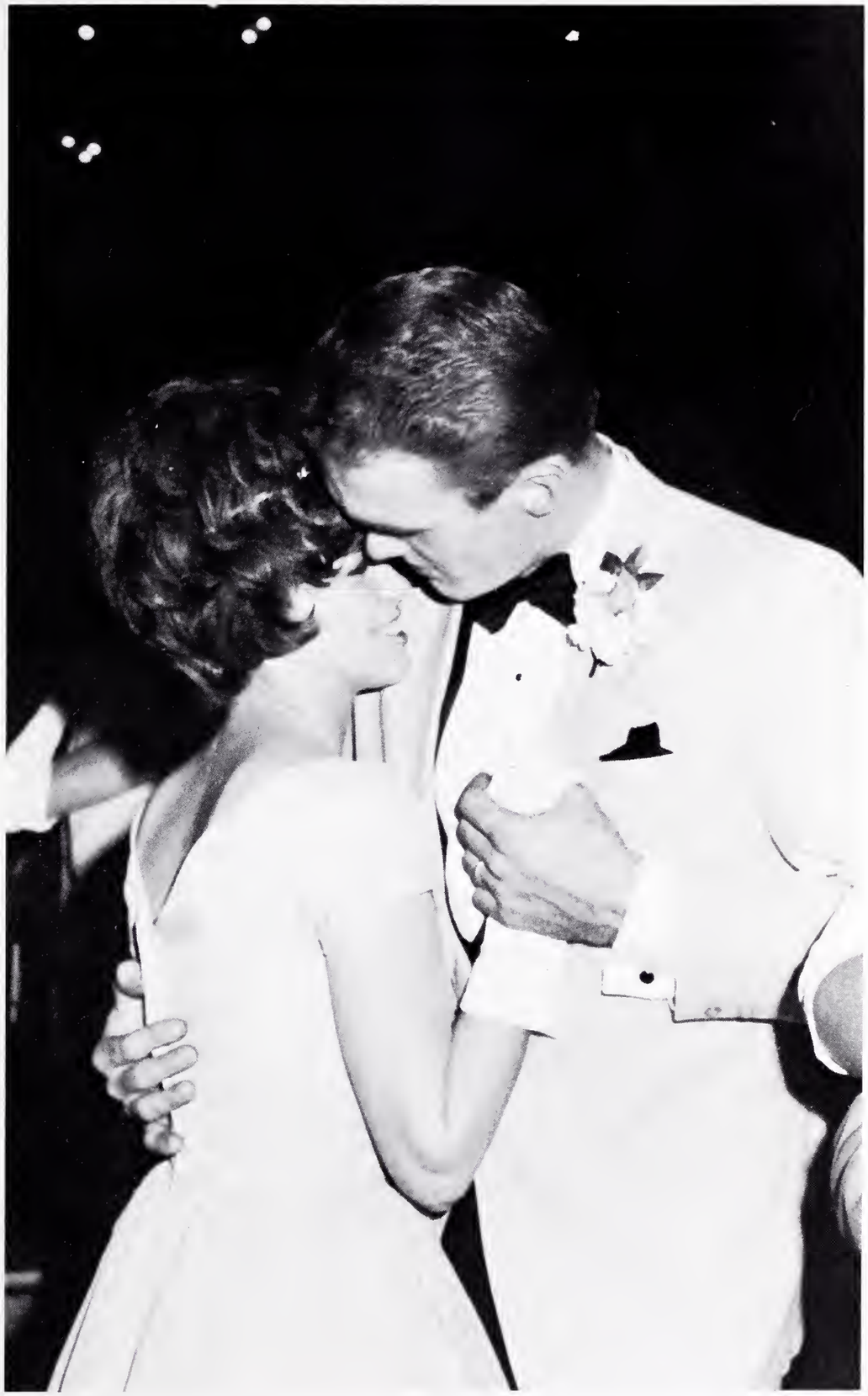
Baseball

Despite the attempts of Craig Watson with a .450 batting average, Bob Page, .343, and Mike Nelson, .294, victory eluded the baseball team. Costly errors, a breakdown of the pitching staff, and a failure to capitalize on key situations doomed the team to a final record of 5-11-1.

Front row, from left, Ron Landauer, Mike Nelsen, Bill Elmore, Bob Green, Craig Watson. Back row, Coach Jack Rudy, Mike Martin, Bob Page, Bob Liebgoth, Steve Koteff, Steve Jones (manager), Stan Scroczynski (assistant coach.)

Tennis





ACTIVITIES

Bonfire

The Bonfire, sponsored by Student Government and SAC, officially opened the new school year, and was a dedication ceremony for the North Campus.

Speakers included Dr. Richard W. Hostrop and Steve Rice, president of Student Government. Following the speakers were various singing groups and comedy skits, put on to entertain the students who braved the cold to attend.

Mock Election

Students held a mock election in the closing days of the 1968 presidential campaign. Nixon's victory was no surprise. George Wallace ran second, and Hubert Humphrey a weak third.

ICED DRINKS

Mixers

Christmas Dance

The Christmas Dance court

No Exit

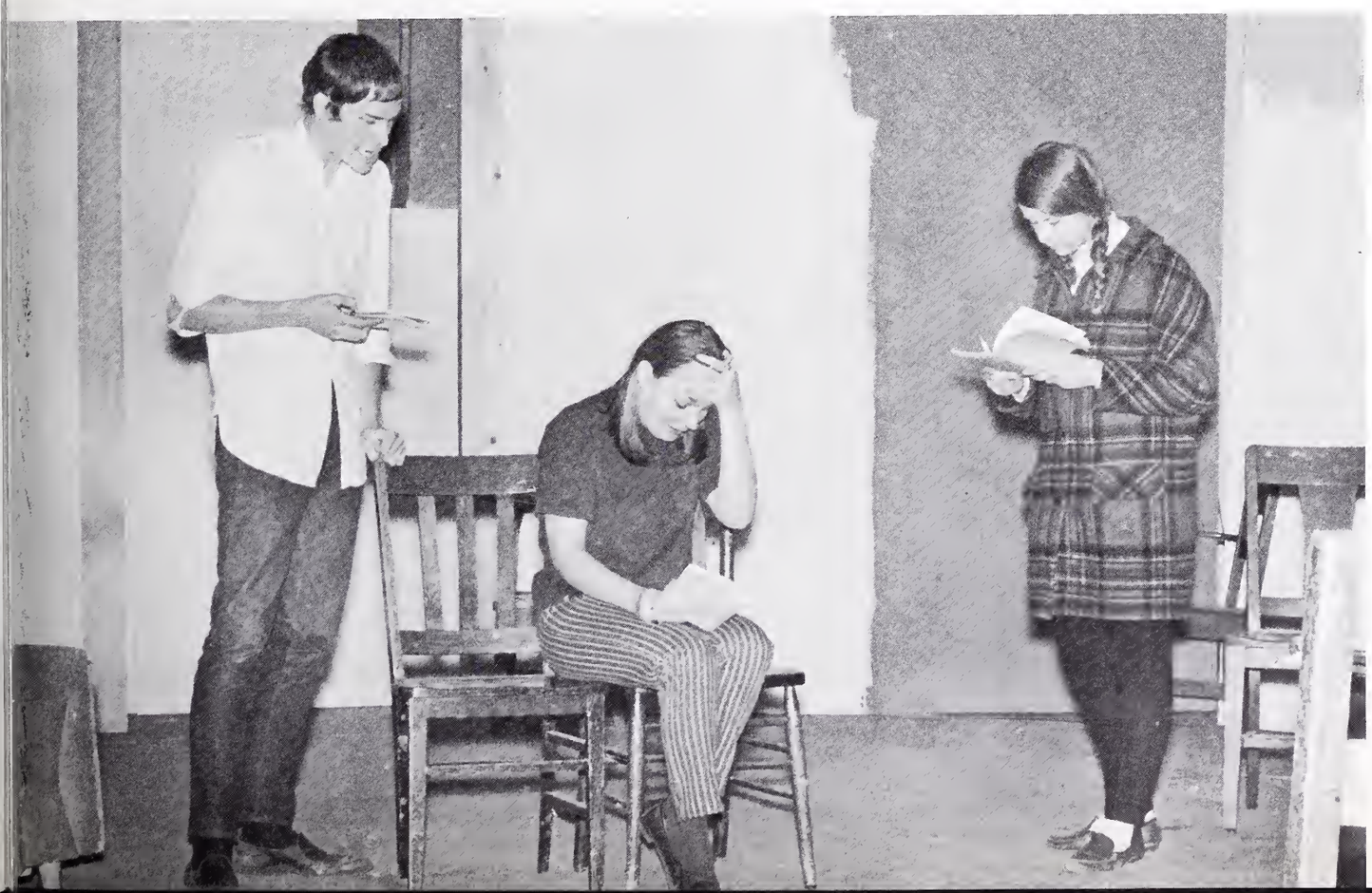
Tom Roberts, Debbie Sweeny, and Alice Eysenbach

One of the two dramatic productions put on by Prairie State this year was "No Exit," a one act drama.

Set in the confines of a room in Hell, the play centers around the reactions of three doomed people.

Directed by Richard Peterson, and student directed by Donna Shively, the emotions ran high. This taut drama starred three fine actors — Tom Roberts, as a pacifist newspaperman; Debora Sweeny, as a socialite, and Alice Eysenbach, as a lesbian. Mike Downey portrayed the bellboy, who escorted the doomed souls to their room, with no exit.

Everyone in attendance left with the question in mind, "What is Hell Really Like?"



Progressive Dinner

In this group, with a visitor from the Middle East, are Carolyn Ranieri, Vickie Quigley and Pat Haney.

Talent Show

Prairie State's student lounge on the temporary North Campus was the scene of a series of student mixers and special events. Among them was the "All-PS" talent show in March, which brought both country and western and soul singers to substantial numbers of students.

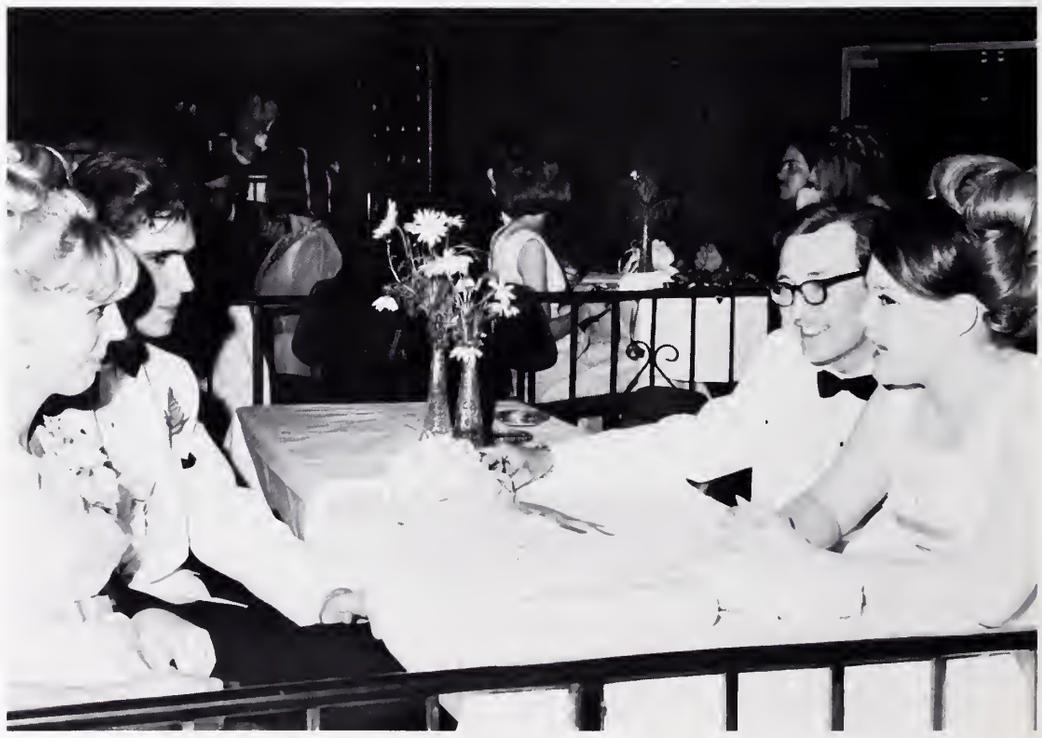
Fashion Show

Maria Bianconi, partly concealed by her gift of American roses, was chosen AWS "Woman of the Year," in addition to serving as president of AWS throughout the year. Her election was announced at the annual AWS fashion show, held during Easter vacation at the Millionaires Club.

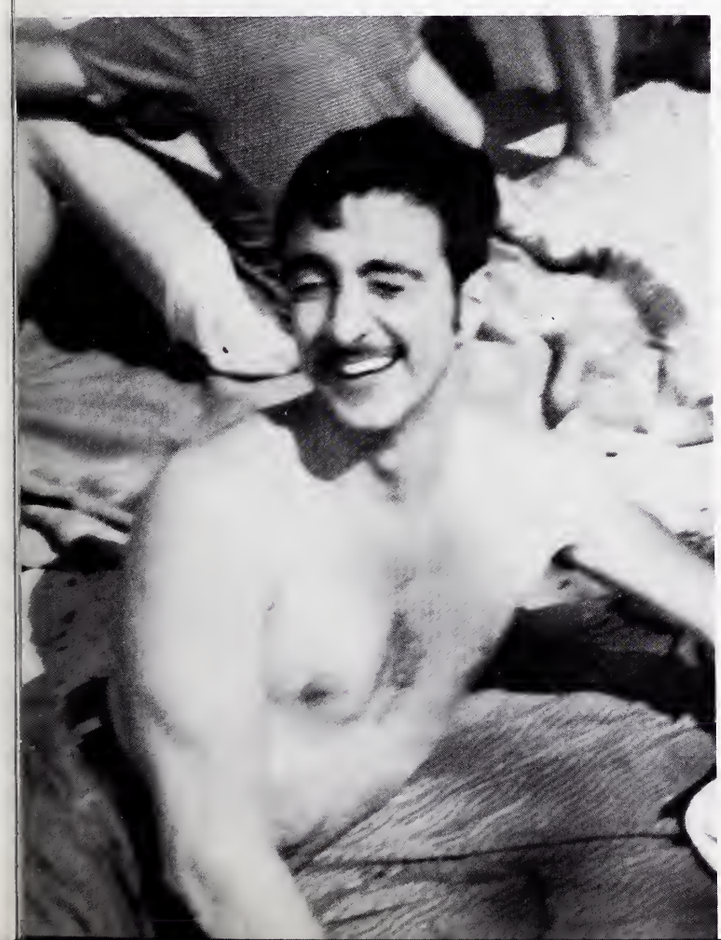
Spring Formal

The annual Spring Formal, held this year at Dorchester Inn, proved to be the outstanding social event of the school year. Here student government president Steve Rice, with Mrs. Rice, talk seriously with Dr. R. W. Hostrop, president of Prairie State, and Mrs. Hostrop.

King, Queen and Court



Post Prom at Indiana Dunes Park



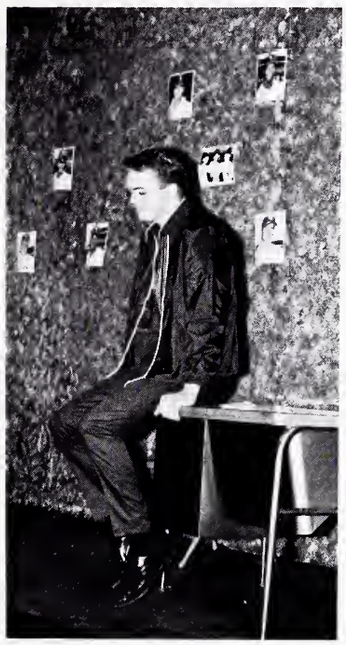
Damn Yankees

Four months of rigorous rehearsals led to the success of "Damn Yankees." Prairie State's first musical was directed by Richard Peterson.

The plot is based on a Washington Senators fan, played by Bob Abel, who sells his soul to the devil. By doing so he becomes hard-hitting Joe Hardy, portrayed by Mark Lewandowski, and brings the Senators to victory over the Yankees.

Other leading cast members include Paul Frederick as Mr. Applegate, the devil, and Valerie Piacenti as Lola, who tempts Joe to forget his wife, Meg, played by Roseann Mattio. Mike Moorman, manager of the team, and Audrey Wladyka as Gloria Thorpe, who stirs controversy over Joe's unusual abilities, round out the cast.

These principals are supported by other actors, singers, dancers, and the chorus. Behind the scenes were the stage manager, Randy Bunger, and the student director, Cathy McGonigal.



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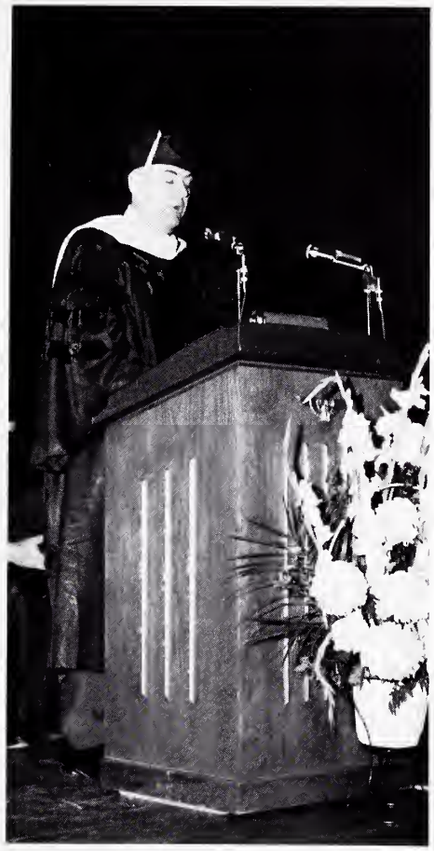
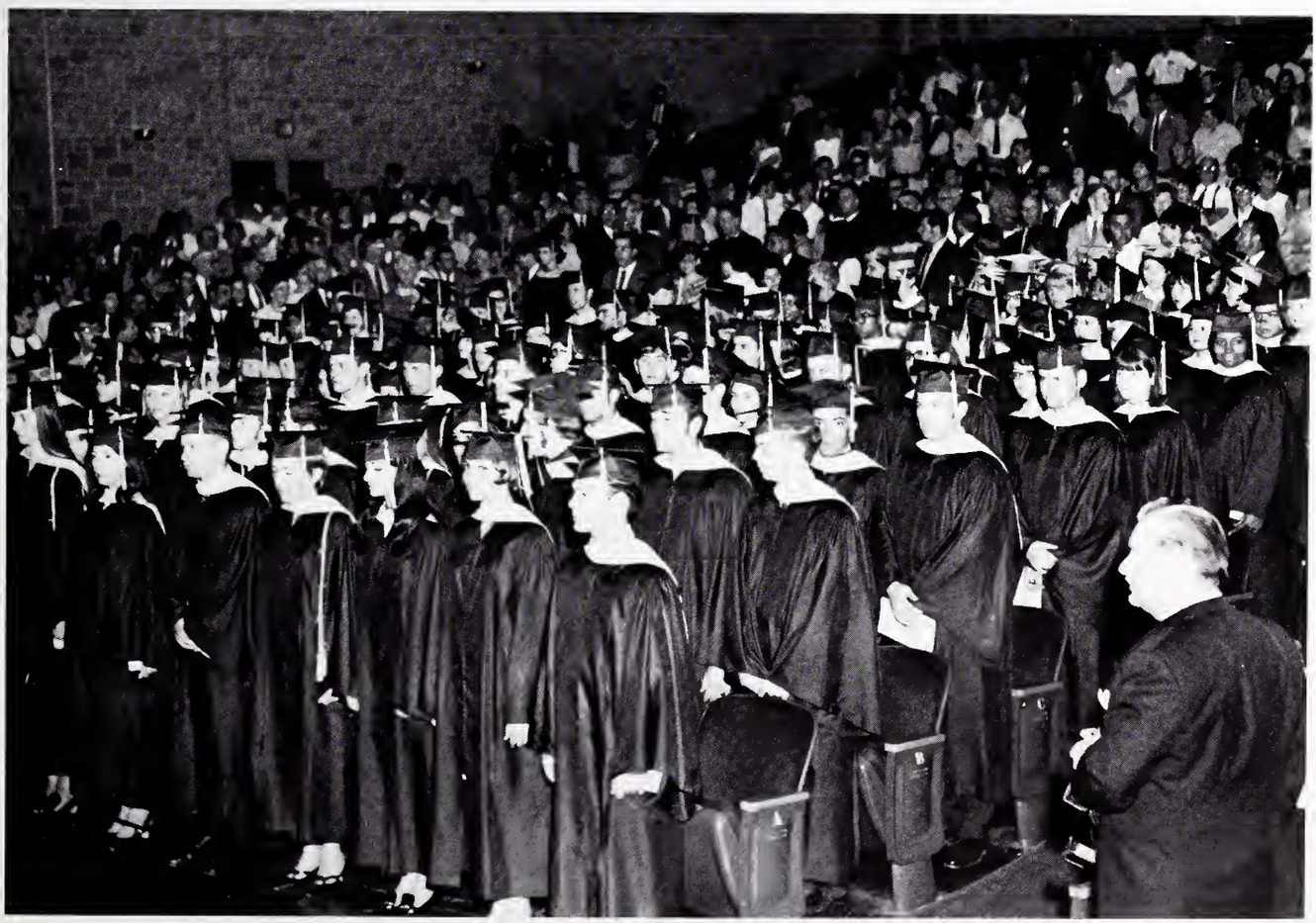
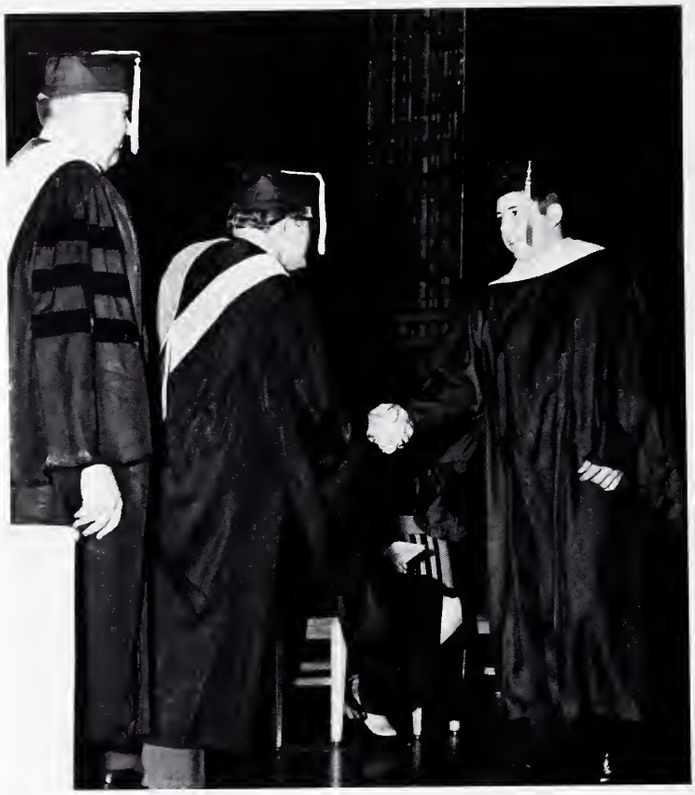
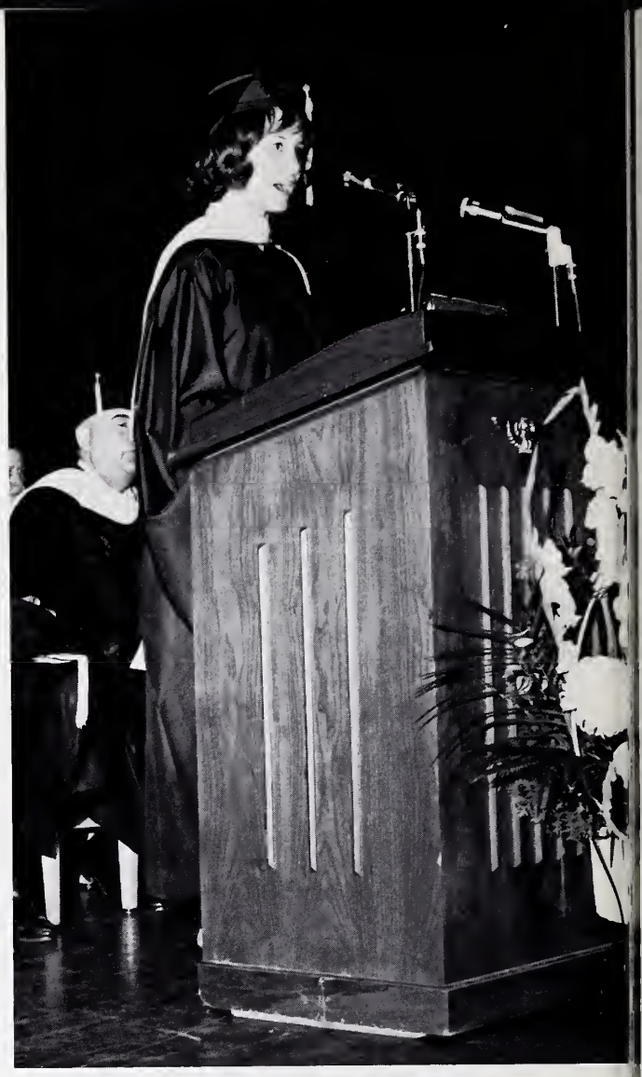
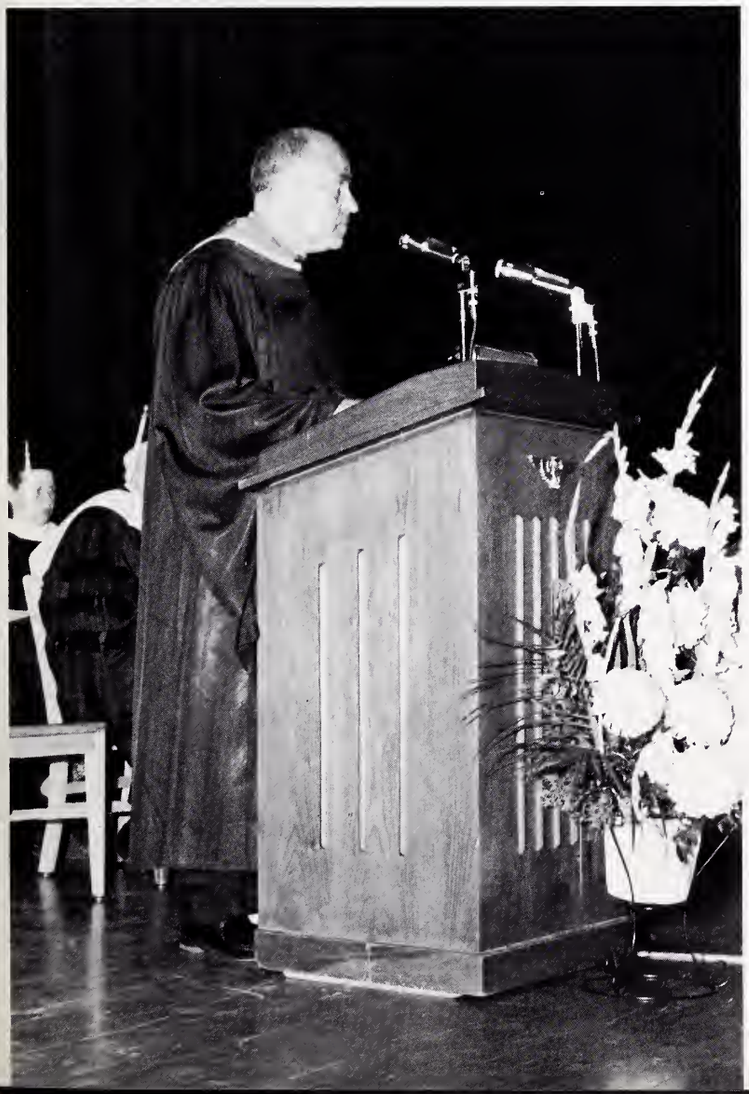
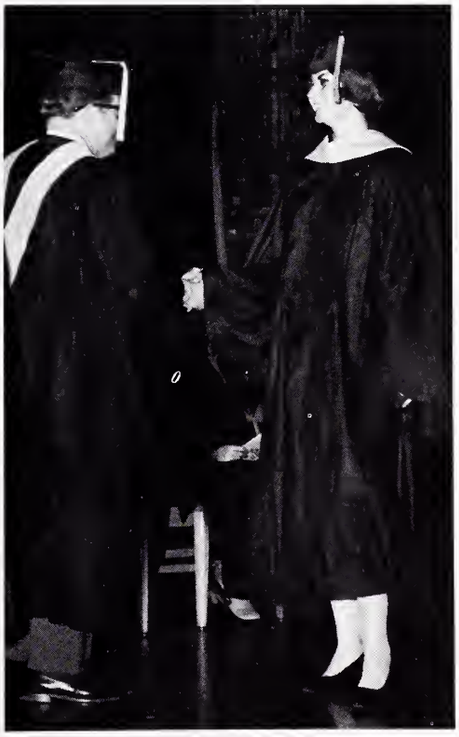












1968-69 in Retrospect

This was a schizophrenic year of transition. We started classes a week late, with split shifts, in the old Bloom college building. The new, temporary buildings on the muddy North campus were not ready until October. Classes competed with carpenters, tile workers, electricians and air conditioning men.

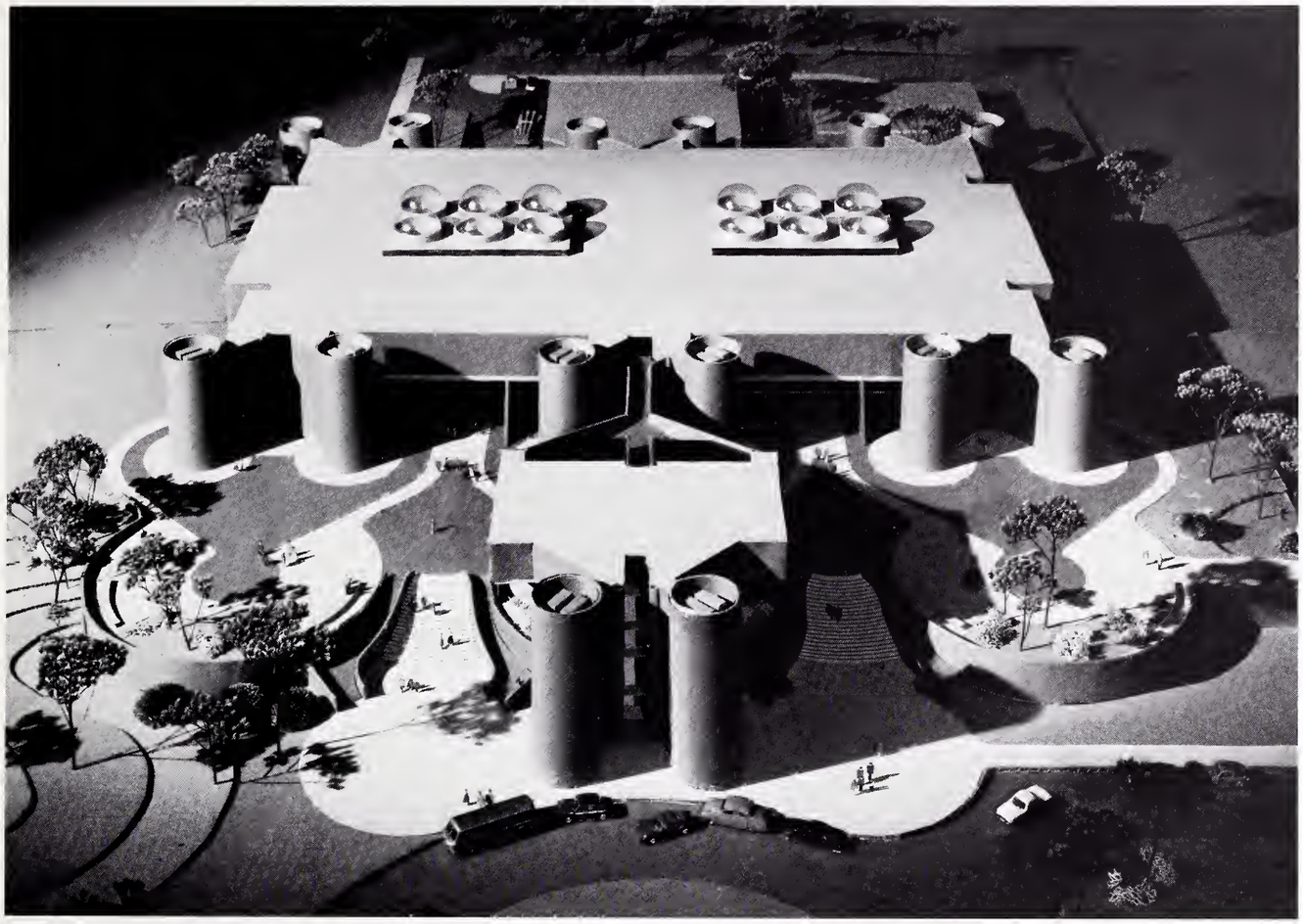
Somehow, Prairie State did not gain a full identity of its own. Activities drew few participants. Events had sparse attendance. The cross-country team gave up in mid-season. The baseball squad numbered 12 men. Only one runner turned out for spring track. The Prairie Statement published erratically, with little news, but with a sparkling new format that augered a better day.

One bright spot was the basketball team, which enjoyed a winning season, even though rooters from visiting junior colleges often outnumbered our own supporters. The tennis team went to the national finals.

The big social events — the Christmas dance, Damn Yankees and the Spring formal — were successful.

But the most progress was demonstrated in education itself. Prairie State broadened its curriculum, and sent its roots out into the community, with a well-supported evening curriculum. Despite a prolonged dispute over salaries, the faculty gained stature, and laid the groundwork for productive years ahead.

Looking Ahead



Somehow, 1970-71 will see Prairie State rising as a phoenix. Under the leadership of President Richard W. Hostrop, the college is beginning to fulfill its role as an institution for the entire community. Although four out of five students follow college bound studies, an increasing number are preparing for careers in vocationally-oriented curriculum.

Prairie State will increase in importance as the new Governors State University in Park Forest South prepares to open its doors in September, 1973 — possibly earlier.

Construction of Prairie State's new permanent campus — delayed by Governor Richard B. Ogilvie's order — will give the college an identity of its own. a community institution dedicated to preparing its graduates for living productive whole lives.

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